

SCHOOL HEAD PROBE WITNESS

CHIEF JUSTICE OPPOSES COURT PLANS

DECLARES PROGRAM OF PRESIDENT WOULD IMPAIR HIGH COURT

SENATOR WHEELER SAYS ENACTMENT COURT PLAN WOULD DESTROY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—(P)—Chief Justice Hughes asserted today an increase in the size of the supreme court would "impair rather than increase the efficiency of the high tribunal."

The assertion was made in a letter presented to the senate judiciary committee by Senator Wheeler (D-Mont). He opened the testimony in opposition to President Roosevelt's court reorganization bill.

Before the largest crowd to attend the committee hearings which began two weeks ago, Wheeler, long known as a liberal, added a statement of his own that if you want to destroy the president, I know of no better way than to approve the legislation.

The letter from Hughes, which the chief justice said was endorsed by Justices Van Devanter and Brandeis, said an increase in size "would not promote the efficiency of the court."

"It is believed," it added, that it would impair that efficiency so long as the court acts as a unit.

"There would be more judges to hear, more judges to confer, more judges to discuss, more judges to be convinced and to decide. The present number of justices is thought to be large enough, so far as the prompt, adequate and efficient conduct of the work of the court is concerned."

Did Not Discuss New Blood

The chief justice confined his remarks to the question of court procedure, and did not discuss the policy of "injecting new blood" into the courts. He said the court was "fully abreast of its work."

In his own statement, delivered extemporaneously, Wheeler said he favored a constitutional amendment, but opposed "packing the court."

"If it is morally wrong for a private litigant to 'pack a jury,'" he said, "it is just as morally wrong for the government, as a litigant, to do the same thing."

The Montanan said he could give assurance that if the administration would propose a reasonable

TWO LABOR BODIES FIGHT FOR LEAD IN AUTOMOBILE PLANTS

LEWIS UNION THREATENS NEW STRIKE IF SIT-DOWNERS ARE EJECTED

(By The Associated Press)

A threatened city-wide strike of automobile workers in Detroit today dominated the nation's far-flung strike front.

Fully 150,000 wage earners were estimated to be idle because of labor disputes, with two major divisions of labor vying for support of employees and recognition of employment.

Homer Martin, United Automobile Workers' chief, ordered leaders of Detroit locals to be ready to call out 175,000 members in protest against forcible eviction of sit-down strikers.

Detroit's 2,200 motor plants employ 200,000 persons.

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins was in New York, seeking to promote a conference between Walter P. Chrysler and John L. Lewis, head of the committee for industrial organization, which the UAW is an affiliate.

The principal obstacle in the Chrysler stalemate was the officials' refusal to recognize the union as sole bargaining agency for their 67,000 employees.

Philip Murray, chairman of the 2-3 workers' organization committee, announced the C. I. O. would demand today that the Bethlehem Steel Corporation recognize it as the bargaining agent for all Bethlehem employees.

Providence Strike Threat.

The C. I. O. polled 400 members in Providence, R. I., who



Above is a typical funeral scene of the past two days in the New London area of the great East Texas oil field where more than four hundred children were buried following their deaths in the explosion that wrecked the modern high school building with a death toll placed at 455.

SHERIFF OF LAMB COUNTY SUCCEEDED TO BULLET WOUNDS

NEGRO HELD IN LUBBOCK JAIL FOR SAFE KEEPING AS CROWDS THREATEN

OLTON, March 22.—(P)—Funeral services will be held at Littlefield this afternoon for Sheriff F. A. Loyd of Lamb county, who died of bullet wounds early today.

LUBBOCK, March 22.—(P)—Sheriff F. A. Loyd, 48, of Lamb county died of bullet wounds in a hospital here early this morning.

Leroy Kelly, negro, who shot the sheriff at Littlefield Saturday night, was held in Lubbock county jail for safe keeping.

Deputy Sheriff Sam Hutson, who said charges against Kelly would not be filed until after funeral of Sheriff Loyd, said Kelly probably would be moved even farther from Lamb county. Feeling is high in Littlefield, he said.

Sheriff Loyd was the second South Plains peace officer to be killed by a negro in slightly more than a year. Deputy Sheriff P. E. Redwine of Tahoka was slain March 7, 1936, by Elmo Banks, negro who later was electrocuted. Banks shot Redwine in a jail break.

EVERY PRECAUTION PREVENT ACCIDENTS IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

REGULAR INSPECTION MADE AT INTERVALS OF ALL EQUIPMENT

Every precaution to protect Corsicana's school children and the public school property from any disaster caused by fire or explosion has been taken in the past and will continue to be taken in the future, it was stated today by Superintendent W. H. Norwood.

With the exception of two buildings, all of Corsicana's public schools are heated by steam, which is generated by either coal or oil. The two exceptions are the David Crockett and the Stephen F. Austin schools, which are heated by gas radiators.

Superintendent Norwood said: "It has been the policy of the board of education to protect the lives of the children and the property of the system by taking advantage of every safeguard that is available."

Regular Inspection.

"Seven hundred seventy-six thousand dollars is the amount of building explosion insurance now carried on the Corsicana public school buildings. In addition, special boiler explosion insurance to the amount of \$25,000 is now carried."

"The chief value in this protection is not primarily the coverage, but the inspection service given by the companies carrying the policies on the schools," Superintendent Norwood said.

BLOODED HEREFORD CATTLE PURCHASED BY LOCAL BREEDERS

SOME OF FINEST HERDS IN NAVARRO COUNTY

Approximately fifty head of the finest strains of Hereford stock in the southwest have been brought into Navarro county in recent weeks as a result of purchases made by local breeders according to information received Monday. Many of the outstanding animals exhibited at the Fort Worth Livestock Show were purchased by Corsicana residents and will be brought to farms in this county.

It was learned that at least six herds of the whitetailed cattle will be located in this county on the farms of Edens and Edens, R. L. Wheelock, Fred M. Allison, J. P. McKinney, Milligan brothers, and R. D. Fleming.

Mr. Wheelock is reported to be the heaviest purchaser recently, buying both bulls and heifers for the establishment and enlarging of his herd. Mr. McKinney and Edens and Edens were included in the list who purchased about 25 head of the fancy stock at Fort Worth last week.

Purchased Some Holsteins.

Mr. Allison purchased some Holsteins to augment the food supply for the calf crop of his Herefords.

J. N. Edens, senior member of the firm of Edens and Edens, is one of the pioneer breeders of Herefords in the southwest, and

SIT-DOWN STRIKERS OUSTED BY POLICE

NO RESISTANCE OFFERED DESPITE WARNING OF GENERAL STRIKE ORDER

DETROIT, March 22.—(P)—Ignoring threats of a citywide automotive strike if raids on striker held plants continued, police today entered the plant of the Thomas P. Henry Print Co., and evicted strikers who have occupied the place since March 11. The strikers surrendered peacefully.

Fifty policemen entered the printing plant, apparently taking the approximately 30 strikers by surprise.

The strikers were questioned at the plant.

Circuit Judge Homer Ferguson issued an order last week on the strikers to show cause why an injunction should not be issued, forbidding them to occupy the plant.

An attorney for the company notified Judge Ferguson Saturday that Sheriff Thomas C. Wilcox had been unable to service notice of the court order because of the press of other duties, and that the police had declined to eject the strikers.

Hearing Continued.

Judge Ferguson continued a scheduled hearing until today and declared that the police department had the power to eject the strikers "if they want to do it."

Twenty minutes after the police arrived, twenty-eight strikers

GOVERNMENT ARMY REPORTED ROUTING INSURGENT FORCES

FIFTH ATTEMPT TO SMASH MADRID DEFENSES DECLARED COMPLETE FAILURE

MADRID, Mar. 22.—(P)—The government's northern army reported today it had pressed the insurgent retreat into a rout, capturing town after town in a rapid advance on the insurgent stronghold of Sigüenza.

The main column of Gen. Jose Miaja, commander of Madrid's armies, was reported to be approaching Almadrones, only 12 miles south of the insurgent base of operations at Sigüenza, after a 28-mile advance from Guadalupe.

At no point, dispatches reported, had the pursuing column been able to contact the fleeing insurgents, routed in their fifth attempt to smash Madrid's defenses.

Government bombers dropped 26,000 pounds of explosives on insurgent concentrations and supply dumps.

Insurgent trains were said to have been destroyed and one bomb found its target on the railroad station, causing a great explosion that was believed to have demolished a gasoline depot.

Large numbers of Italian-made hand grenades, field guns and trucks were included in the spoils. General Miaja declared Madrid is safe on all fronts surrounding it.

RAIN SOON ONLY HOPE PREVENTING MILLION STARVING

SIENFU, Shensi Province, China, March 22.—(P)—Rain withheld in two weeks was believed today to be the only hope of saving more than 1,000,000 persons from starving to death in China's "dust bowl."

The vast drought and famine area of Central and West China was reported today to have reached a desperate stage, with Hunan provinces and grasped all of Shensi.

The provincial famine relief bureau said 4,000,000 persons were on the verge of starvation.

SHAKEN BY GRIEF, W. C. SHAW BREAKS DOWN AT HEARING

SUPERINTENDENT WRECKED SCHOOL WITNESS AT MILITARY BOARD INQUIRY

NEW LONDON, Mar. 22.—(P)—Superintendent W. C. Shaw's simply related defense from hints of negligence in the London school explosion, abruptly interrupted by his witness stand breakdown, will not be resumed before a military court of inquiry.

Captain Zachariah Coombes, judge advocate of the court, owing for the cause of the tragedy, said Shaw would not be recalled.

"He is under a most heavy strain, his physical condition is poor and there's no use in having him come back before us. We have already obtained virtually all the information we desired from him."

Once, at a height of his testimony, the frail, bewildered schoolmaster almost prostrate from grief since 455 of his pupils and teachers were killed, broke down when photographers snapped his picture and was removed to a cot in a nearby ante room.

Military investigators briefly questioned a 15-year-old school boy whose testimony electrified the courtroom.

Blame Came as Switch Thrown

John Dial said the explosion occurred. It seemed to him, just as his teacher, T. R. Butler, threw a light switch in the manual training room. The ninth grade pupil continued:

"I was making a cabinet. Mr. Butler reached up and pulled the light switch. Then the noise came. I saw a flash of light. I didn't actually see the switch but you know they generally make little sparks fly when they are pulled."

State Senator Joe L. Hill, member of a special legislative investigating committee, commented:

"That may be the answer to the puzzling question of the origin of the spark which touched off the gas."

Defends "Tapping" Main

Shaw quietly defended the school's action in "tapping" the gas pipe run in the vicinity by the Parsons Pipeline company, refuting testimony given yesterday by Field Foreman D. L. Clark of the Parsons company, that the connection had been made without knowledge or consent of the company.

Mr. Meekling, supervising engineer, talked with Earl Clover, Parsons superintendent, about the connection and was "of the opinion" that the superintendent did not "particularly object."

Object.

Clover did not give up as expected. He had given permission and warned that we were liable to be cut loose at any time but I concluded that he did not particularly object."

Doings of Congress

(By The Associated Press)

TODAY.

Senate.

Debates naval appropriation bill. Judiciary committee hears first witnesses opposing court bill.

Civil liberties committee subcommittee Harlan county, Ky. data.

House.

Debates four-department appropriation bill.

Agriculture committee resumes hearings on sugar legislation.

SECRETARY OF STATE HULL IS WORKING DILIGENTLY IN PEACE EFFORTS AMONG NATIONS EUROPE

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR MRS. KATE M'KIE 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH

PAT M. NEFF, PRESIDENT OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Memorial services for Mrs. Kate Sittler McKie were held at the First Baptist church Sunday morning with Pat M. Neff, president of Baylor University, Waco, delivering the address.

A special program appropriate for the occasion had been arranged. Included on the program were organ selections by Mrs. S. K. Briezt, congregational singing, an anthem by the choir under the direction of S. K. Briezt with Mrs. Gladys Melton Petrus and C. C. McClung singing special parts. A one minute silent tribute followed the address of Mr. Neff.

Mrs. McKie had been a member of the First Baptist church almost 50 years before her death on March 26, 1936, and was one of its most active and philanthropic members.

She was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Beverly Sittler and was born in Savannah, Ga., July 29, 1856. She married W. J. McKie May 6, 1879.

Large Contributions.

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By DEWITT MACKENZIE

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(P)—Secretary of State Hull's efforts to secure European peace have gone much further than his recent testimony to the house appropriations committee indicated.

Hull told the committee he had recommended to a certain foreign statesman that Europe follow the program adopted by the Pan-American peace conference at Buenos Aires. He has been working overtime in an undercover effort to impel Europe to behave herself.

He is trying to inspire the old world to tackle her dangerous problems from the standpoint of his "eight pillars of peace" laid down at Buenos Aires.

Hull has been laboring persistently with the Washington representatives of foreign governments mixing pleas with reproaches and stern warnings.

This information is unofficial and it does not concern Hull or his office. From various inquiries, however, the writer is satisfied of its accuracy.

I also get the distinct impression from talks with highly placed persons that some government officials apart from Hull believe Europe is on the brink of disaster, with her threats of war, rearmament programs and selfish nationalistic policies.

They hold that unless Europe applies the brakes, a situation will develop in which—as the Secretary has put it—"a military catastrophe does not occur within another year or so, it is almost inevitable that there may be an economic catastrophe and the one is nearly as bad in its effect on us as the other."

Highway Deaths Continue at High Rate State Texas

Although February is the shortest month of the year and presents at least a two-day advantage over other months in opportunities for traffic accidents, only one less persons was killed on Texas highways during the month than in January, according to the monthly accident summary recently released by the drivers' license division of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

A total of 157 persons were killed in 833 accidents on Texas highways and a total of 1158 persons were injured according to the carefully checked statistics. In January a total of 158 were killed.

The location of the accidents were about equally divided between the cities and their immediate suburbs and the open highways; angular collisions between road intersections were the sites of many of the mishaps and away from all traffic controls.

Only eight accidents were reported in freezing weather and the remainder in favorable driving weather, with the majority of such.

DEVASTATING FLOODS-DROUGHTS OF RECENT YEARS FAIL INDICATE CLIMATE OF NATION CHANGING

EDITOR'S NOTE: Floods, and drought, have produced theories that America's climate is changing, that other droughts will follow, and that man has been to blame for their development. The views of a government weather expert are outlined in three articles, of which this is the first.

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(P)—Persons who believe that a change in the weather is the result of the last few years indicate changes in the climate of this country can quit worrying.

J. B. Kincer, chief of the climate and crop division of the United States Weather Bureau, said today this is an ancient fallacy.

Persons must distinguish, he said, between weather and climate. The former is the day to day or week to week condition, but climate is the average weather (temperature, rainfall, and such) over a long period, say 100 years.

Everyone knows, Kincer said, that weather runs in cycles—a few wet days, a few dry days, several weeks of warm weather, or several weeks of cold.

"The same thing happens in climate," he explained. "The only difference is that we count the period of times in years instead of days. These cycles vary in length, resulting in some periods of light rainfall, or droughts lasting longer than others."

Weather bureau records show a decided tendency to warmer, drier winters in the last quarter century, Kincer said.

He said examination of records for 100 years, however, "indicates that this does not represent a permanent change of climate, but rather a warm, dry phase of the normal climate, to be followed, doubtless by a cooler, wetter phase."

Tiny Telegraph Office Clearing House for News

OVERTON, March 22.—(P)—The New London school explosion converted the tiny one-man Western Union office in this East Texas community into a clearing house for one of history's greatest overnight news gathering and distributing concentrations.

In a few hours after A. H. Higgins, the one-man staff, flashed the tragic word, manpower and equipment came rushing in by air, rail and land until nearly 100 newsmen and at least 30 telegraph operators were in the area compiling and dispatching the story of the child disaster.

A flood of press coverage cleared over wires emanating from the 15 by 50 foot office of the Western Union. Until last midnight, approximately 127,000 words had been transmitted. Thirty per cent of the volume was Associated Press news distributed through two leased wires to Dallas and thence to the world.

BLAST WHICH SNUFFED OUT 455 LIVES IN SCHOOL DISASTER HAS MADE NATION EXPLOSION-WARY

By HARREL LEE

NEW LONDON, March 22.—(P)—The blast which shocked out the lives of 455 school children has made the entire nation explosion-conscious.

Governmental and school authorities throughout the United States have resorted thus far to the only means of inquiry in session 200 feet from the scene of the catastrophe said at the outset of its hearing that its purpose was not to fix responsibility but to determine the cause, if possible, so a recurrence might be prevented.

Henry Wallace, United States Secretary of Agriculture, authorized Dr. David J. Price, nationally famed explosion expert with the bureau of chemistry, to assist in the investigation.

From Chicago came William R. Meekling, supervising engineer of the board of education there. He said he was sent here to learn all he could about the disaster so he might determine if any corrective action was needed in the nation's second largest city.

Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, and several members of his department were listening to the testimony. The state department of education sent Fred Horne, its superintendent of plant construction.

Dr. E. P. Schoch, gray-haired professor who has been investigating explosions for 20 years, came at the request of Governor James V. Allred of Texas to assist the military court.

The legislature quickly named

EAST TEXAS OIL COMMUNITY BURIES LAST OF ITS DEAD

NEW LONDON BEREFT OF GENERATION IN DEATH OF OVER 400 CHILDREN

By WILLIAM T. RIVES

NEW LONDON, March 22.—(P)—In the early morning of the last of 455 crushed bodies today. Robbed of a generation, the little derelict-shaded community tried to shake off the horror of the school explosion and pick up its progress where it was before it took its tragic place in history. Seven bodies remained in scattered East Texas towns last night. Three were to be sent away from the area.

Said the Rev. R. L. Jackson, Methodist minister:

"New London and this area is exhibiting a marvelous spirit and will come out of this awful tragedy all right. We're progressive and I believe that we'll go on ahead in spite of the deaths of these children."

Oil companies planned to call back to work the hundreds of men who removed more than four million pounds of debris in the horror-filled search for bodies.

Flower-bedecked caskets yesterday moved through the section in

ACT LEGISLATURE REQUIRED TO GIVE TEXANS RIGHT FISH

OKLAHOMA ATTORNEY GEN- ERAL GIVES RULING ON QUESTION MONDAY

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 22.—(AP)—Attorney General Mac Q. Williamson, advised Senator John MacDonald of Durant today free fishing rights in the Oklahoma-controlled Red river could be extended to Texans only by an act of the legislature.

Williamson did not disclose details of his opinion, which was to be transmitted later today to legislators, but indicated it was based on the Spanish-American treaty of 1819 reserving use of the river to Spain.

MacDonald said he would draw at once a bill immunizing Texans from arrest for fishing in the river and establishing a special license for Red river fishing.

The senator did not say what fee his bill would require of Texans fishing in the river. He said, however, it would differ from Oklahoma's present non-resident fishing license, which costs \$9 and is valid for only ten days.

"There may be some protests from Texans against a license," MacDonald said, "but I don't see how we can let Texans fish in the river without a license while requiring one from Oklahoma."

Texans have complained repeatedly that they have been arrested by Oklahoma game wardens for fishing in the stream.

Two conferences between legislators of the two states have been held in an attempt to iron out differences.

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only a few others in the livestock game in this section today have been raising the breed as long as the Corsicana banker.

He reported that he had been breeding cattle since 1909 when the original herd was imported from England. It was pointed out that such progress has been made by the American breeders that today cattle imported by the English to improve their strains. For many years, Mr. Edens captured many honors annually with his show animals at the leading exhibitions in the nation.

Mr. Edens reported that the Hereford stock in Navarro county at present represented the finest strains of the breed available anywhere in the nation.

He gave this area the basis for producing stock that would compare with the best very favorably.

Hereford breeding has been carried on in this section for many years but recently several new herds have been started including those of Wheelock, Allison, and McKinney, and have placed the industry on a new basis.

For many years Navarro county, particularly the western section, has been noted for its Jersey stock and a number of island-bred animals are in the county now. Other livestock interests include the horse raising activities of W. C. Stroube and others.

Figures are not available on the recent purchase but it is known that thousands of dollars have been invested in livestock in the county in the past several months.

HIGHWAY DEATHS

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the vehicle operators having more than two years experience, and between the ages 30 and 49, and 90 per cent of those involved men, and occurred in daylight hours. Passenger cars were in about an eight-to-one ratio with trucks.

A grand total of 315 fatalities have been reported so far in 1937, and at this rate Texas will have a total of 1800 killed on the highways during the year, compared with 1886 in 1936.

EXPERTS

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a committee to determine whether additional school safety laws were needed. Senator Jon Hill of Henderson, representing the committee, has been here since the inquiry began.

K. of K. Notice.

Corsicana Lodge, No. 6, Knights of Pythias, will confer the Esquiro rank on two candidates Tuesday night, the 23rd at 8 o'clock. All Esquiroes are invited to be present and all Knights expected to be present.

C. E. McWILLIAMS, C. C.
C. B. HALEY, K. of R. & S.

Sun want ads bring results.

COURT CHANGE

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amendment, it would be quickly submitted to the people by congress.

Radio Address Tonight

Tonight the discussion of the president's proposals will be continued with a radio address by John Hessin Clarke, only living retired supreme court justice. He is expected to endorse the Roosevelt program.

"I am at liberty to say that this statement is approved by them," Hughes began his letter with a statement that "the supreme court is fully abreast of its work."

"When we rose on March 15th (for the present recess)" Hughes said, "we had heard argument in cases in which certiorari had been granted only four weeks before—February 15th."

"During the current term, which began last October and which we call October term, 1936, we have heard arguments on the merits in 150 cases (130 numbers) and we have 28 cases (30 numbers) awaiting argument."

Up With Work

"We shall be able to hear all these cases, and such others as may come up for argument, before our adjournment for the term. There is no congestion of cases upon our calendar."

This gratifying condition has obtained for several years. We have been able for several terms to adjourn after disposing of all cases which are ready to be heard."

Hughes struck back at testimony before the committee by Attorney General Cummings that the court had too much work on applications for certiorari for its present membership to handle properly.

By name, he said "the work of passing upon these applications for certiorari is laborious but the court is able to perform it adequately. (An application for certiorari is a request that the supreme court review a decision of a lower court.)"

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Opponents of the Roosevelt court bill relied for their initial arguments at senate hearings today on Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.), advocate of the constitutional amendment route toward social legislation.

The independent Westerner, a supporter of the president on most other issues, addressed himself especially to the six uncommitted senators holding the balance of power in the judiciary committee. Seven members openly have opposed the measure and five have declared for it.

Two weeks of testimony in support of the administration proposal brought encouragement to its backers. They counted one committee vote definitely as gained—that of Senator Dietrich (D-Ill.)—and listed several other senators as "friendly."

Chairman Ashurst (D-Ariz.), after a private survey, was inclined to consider the committee evenly divided.

His strategy, he said in turning aside talk of curtailing the hearings, was still to "postpone, delay, wait and not hurry in the belief that time was on the president's side."

Wheeler, declaring his agreement with administration objectives in industrial and farm legislation, stood in opposition to any not to compromise on enlargement of the court to attain those ends.

He has proposed a constitutional amendment to let congress override supreme court decisions by a two-thirds vote.

LABOR

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voted in favor of closing 1,405 retail stores in the city.

Leaders of the Chicago striking taxicab drivers sought to bring the 18-day-old deadlock into conference.

Five F. W. Woolworth stores in Akron, Ohio, were picketed. Seven strikes have affected some 21,700 workers in the city.

A union organizer asserted resumption of interurban and electric power service at Anderson, Ind., would not be resumed until union demands are met.

Seven hundred members of the New York Typographical Union Local No. 6 voted support of the C. I. O., although they did not break with the American Federation of Labor.

The local, which has a membership of 10,500 newspaper, book and job printers, in a resolution criticized the A. F. of L. for its "antiquated, impractical, uneconomical industrial theory."

New Skelly Oil Policies.

EL DORADO, Kan., March 22.—(AP)—Officials of the Skelly Oil Company refinery here have announced some new and some revised employment policies following a recent meeting with a committee representing employees and several officials of the International Association of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers of America. New policies were approved by 200 employees at a special meeting.

SHERIFF

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Sheriff Loyd and Chief Deputy Hutson were returning to Littlefield after investigating a lunacy case when they were informed Kelly had shot at a negro woman. Hutson was unarmed.

Locating Kelly, the officers ordered him to surrender. He answered with a burst of gunfire. Loyd returned the fire and knocking the negro's arm up. When the sheriff fell, Hutson picked up the officer's gun, firing twice before it snapped.

Kelly later surrendered at the press. He had been shot in the left arm.

Sheriff Loyd was appointed in 1935 to serve the unexpired term of former Sheriff Irwin, who was convicted in federal court here of conspiracy to defraud the government of liquor taxes.

Loyd was elected last year. The officer was survived by his widow and eight sons and daughters.

Death Weapon Found.

JEFFERSON, March 22.—(AP)—The shotgun believed to have been used in the slaying of Sheriff J. A. Brown, March 9, was recovered Sunday in the Big Cypress Bayou near Jefferson.

Marion county officers located the weapon with the aid of an electromagnet. It was found where Charles Brooks, negro, said he threw it after shooting the sheriff.

Murder Complaint Filed.

JEFFERSON, March 22.—(AP)—A murder complaint was filed here against Charlie Brooks, negro, in connection with the slaying of Sheriff Alex Brown March 9. Brooks, according to District Attorney J. A. Cook, identified a shotgun found yesterday which was used in the midnight slaying of the sheriff. Brown was shot to death in his quarters at Marion county jail here.

Brooks, who had escaped from the Marion county jail a few days prior to the shooting, was recaptured after he had been wounded.

LOCAL SCHOOLS

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intendent Norwood pointed out. Close Check Is Made.

"At regular intervals, experts on a code inspection make checks to discover any symptom or indication which might lead to the slightest trouble. Any irregularity is gladly corrected the minute it is discovered. In addition to this service the principals, the janitors and school engineers are very vigilant in reporting any irregularity in the heating, lighting or ventilation equipment."

"This past week-end," Superintendent Norwood said, "a thorough and complete check was made of all the buildings, and everything found to be in good condition."

A fire-drill was held at the high school Monday morning.

SPANISH

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government troops found the weapons ready for use against the former owners along the Guadalupe front.

Many Arrested at Bilbao

BILBAO, Spain, March 22.—(AP)—Administrators of this government-held part of the Bay of Biscay, in northern Spain, were reported today to have arrested 117 persons including many prominent citizens, on charges of insurgent sympathies.

Sick and Convalescent.

Mrs. C. L. Witherspoon was resting nicely Monday afternoon at the Corsicana Hospital and Clinic.

Richard Mays, who was injured recently in a fall at his home, was doing nicely Monday at the Corsicana Hospital and Clinic.

R. P. Griffen fell off a parcel post delivery truck this morning and injured his right arm at the elbow. He was resting very well this afternoon at the Corsicana Hospital and Clinic where the injury was treated.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Waller came the parents of a baby girl this morning at the P. and S. Hospital. Both mother and baby were doing nicely Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Louis White, who underwent an operation last week at the P. and S. Hospital, was resting all right this afternoon.

E. E. Smith, pneumonia patient at the P. and S. Hospital the past three weeks or more, was reported to be recovering rapidly this afternoon.

Personal

W. J. Carroll of Kerens was in Corsicana Monday.

Earl Magee of Blooming Grove was a Corsicana visitor Monday afternoon.

MEMORIAL

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life she made large contributions to the First Baptist church, Baylor University, orphanages and other institutions supported by the church. She was well known over the state for her church activities and philanthropy.

Professing his remarks with the statement that memorial services for distinguished persons had been held throughout both secular and sacred history, Mr. Neff declared that it was especially fitting that the congregation of the First Baptist church had selected Sunday, almost one year following her death, as a day for memorial services to the distinguished woman who had served the church almost 50 years.

Quoting extensively from the Bible, poetry, from Shakespeare and other great writers as a basis for his address, Mr. Neff declared that service was the law of life and that Mrs. McKie recognized that law and was living today in the hearts of men.

"Mrs. McKie knew things of value," Mr. Neff said, and added "that she did not place them on cold statistics, nor on things that are purchased in the open market, but on things of the earth, but rather on the spiritual. Many of us can not see the value of anything unless it has the dollar mark on it. Mrs. McKie could look out on the brooks, the meadows, the mountains, and the rivers and see a paradise. She knew how to value things."

Did Not Seek Fame.

"Success is the alluring ladder that so many of us wish to climb, some to fame, others to riches, but when we attain that goal we find it empty. The speaker declared that Mrs. McKie could not be content to seek mankind humbly. She was always the shrinking violet, she was content to serve as a member of the church."

Mr. Neff in a continuation of the discussion of the desires of the human race said the making of money was a laudable undertaking. He also said that the use of that money for the building of churches, colleges, roads and other things for the use of mankind was one of the noblest acts of man. Use it for selfish purposes alone and you die a bankrupt, he declared.

"Mrs. McKie thought more of the souls of men than of the dollar and her contributions she made to worthy causes will live forever."

Pioneer Parents.

In discussing the life of Mrs. McKie, Mr. Neff said that she was not entitled to all the credit for the good things she did. "She came into a rich heritage by being well born," he added. He then declared that some of the credit must go to her parents, who were among the early pioneers and leaders of the state and teachers in Baylor in its early days. She grew up in an atmosphere of culture and refinement thereby getting a good start in life.

"Early in her career, Mrs. McKie learned to place value on influence," Mr. Neff said. "Influence is a great thing. You leave every person you meet a little better or a little worse. Mrs. McKie realized that she would pass through life working only one credit. If she was to do anything to influence people for God it would have to be as she passed through life."

Mrs. McKie further recognized the genius of giving and in order that her wealth might be hers forever, she gave generously in his name."

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Corsicana Couple Married In Kerens Saturday Evening

KERENS, March 22.—(Spl.)—Miss Winifred Weeks of Corsicana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weeks, became the bride of Merle Williamson, also of Corsicana, Saturday evening at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. J. Smith of Kerens.

Rev. E. T. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist church of Corsicana, officiated in the impressive double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a navy sheer frock, with white accessories. She was attended by Mrs. O. L. Pitts as matron of honor, who was also dressed in navy and white. Noel Hook attended the bridegroom as best man.

The wedding music was given by Miss Mary Frances Woodin, pianist, and Mrs. Vergil Walker of Trinidad, Colorado, who sang "At Dawning." The ceremony took place before an improvised altar of ferns, baskets of bridal wreaths, and floor candelabra holding white tapers.

For the reception which followed Mrs. Jerry Crenshaw presided at the wedding cake, Miss Mary Frances Woodin at the punch bowl and Mrs. C. E. Frost at the bride's table. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Williamson will be at home at 215 West Fourth avenue, Corsicana.

Kerens Personal Mention

KERENS, March 22.—(Spl.)—Ford Ivey Jr. of Trinidad University spent the week-end in Kerens with homefolks.

Art Crowley of Corsicana visited in Kerens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wideman spent Sunday in Kerens with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whorton.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Allen and family of Dallas spent Sunday in Kerens with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Seale.

Walter Coates and Jack Whisenant of Hope, New Mexico, left Sunday for their home after a visit in Kerens with the former's brother, W. B. Coates and sister, Mrs. E. J. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell and daughter, Marion of Palestine spent Sunday in Kerens with their mother, Mrs. Mingle Young.

Miss Marion West of Palestine is visiting her sister, Mrs. Brook Smith this week.

DEAD BURIED

(Continued From Page One)

The Sabbath quiet. By artificial light, far into the night weary diggers shoveled away dirt for graves on the hills. They paused only while a body was lowered. When the burial was over, the scores of men picked up the duty again.

Into the crude graves went the symbols of happy childhood—toys, an enormous Easter rabbit accompanied one cottage of the other, a face smiling in incongruous mischief.

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Heavy Docket Faced City Judge Monday

An unusually heavy docket greeted Judge A. H. Willie in the Corsicana corporation court Monday morning as a result of arrests made by city officers over the week-end.

Eighteen persons were brought into court on various charges including gaming with dice 5, operating cars with improper licenses 2, intoxication and affray 1, affray 1, making a right turn on red light without stopping 1, intoxication 5, parking in fire lane 2, and shop-lifting 1.

Four persons were transferred to county authorities.



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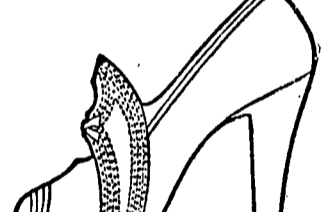
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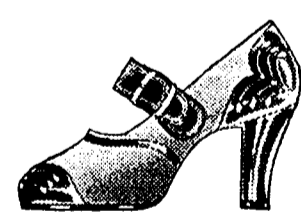
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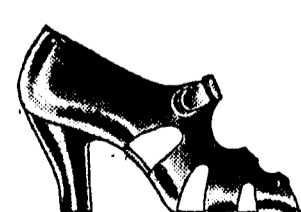
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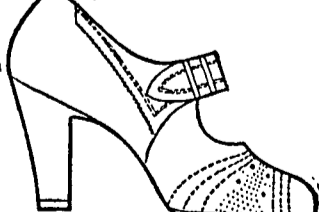
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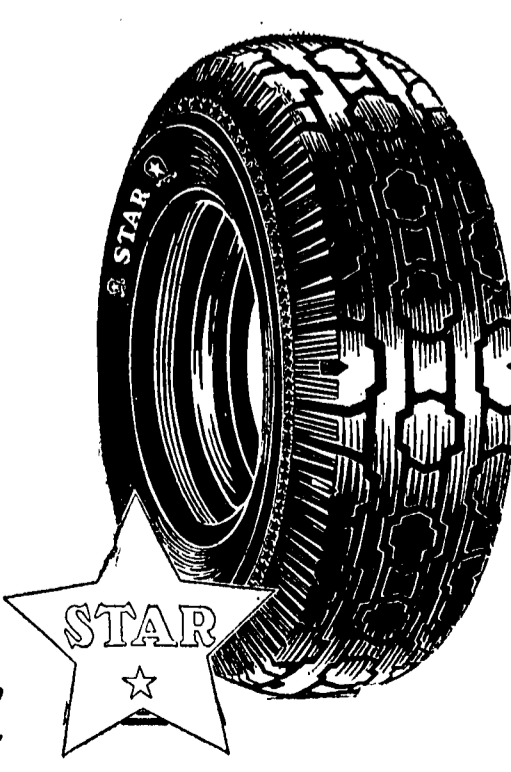
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YOUNG MAN TOOK MOTHER'S PLACE IN ROOM; SAVED PUPILS

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF BLAST GIVEN BY HUMBLE OIL EMPLOYEE

(Editor's Note—Don Nelson, 24, is a young East Texas oil field worker. He was one of the pitifully few who survived the New London explosion.)

By DON NELSON
Written for The Associated Press.
NEW LONDON, March 19.—(AP)—I went to the Consolidated school a little before 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon about 20 minutes before the explosion. Mr. mother, Mrs. J. D. Nelson, wished me to take her place for a little while in the elementary school department. I went to the fifth grade room where I was to supervise temporarily 25 youngsters. I don't suppose their ages run more than 10 or 11 years.

I am not a teacher, as I am employed by the Humble Oil & Refining Company in the oil fields. Shortly after I arrived my mother went to another part of the building.

Came Without Warning.
The explosion came without any warning. Everything was quiet in my room. I was leaning against a window.

There was a loud noise. It wasn't deafening, but it was plenty loud. The walls started shaking. The plaster started falling.

I am just human, and I thought for a split second of that window. Then two or three of the kids started running toward me. I didn't have another thought but to stick. While the tumult and roar continued, I had no idea what it was. I headed the kids into the open fast. In less than a minute after the first thunder we were all out.

My room was the only room so fortunate. I didn't have a scratch. I don't know what happened. Maybe one or two got scratched after we got out. I am not sure about that.

Realized Extent of Disaster.
As soon as we were all out, I ran around the corner of the wall which was still standing and then I began to get an idea of what happened.

The first thing I saw was the rest of the building sprawled out on the ground.

I saw a child lying 20 yards away. It was dead. Then I saw other bodies in the school yard. Some of the kids were hollering. There was so much confusion I can't remember much about the screaming.

With two or three other men who rushed up, I went into the ruins.

The first thing we came upon was a crumpled bookcase tilted over some desks. The space under this protecting bookcase was alive with children.

There were about ten kids under there. Some were carried out, some got up, dusted themselves and walked out with unbelievable calmness.

Gentlemanly Boy.
While we were digging down to them, one little fellow whose leg was broken, asked each of us in turn, "Mister, will you get me out, please?"

"Just a minute, sonny, we're coming," we replied.

"All right, I want make any noise," said. And he didn't, except to ask every minute or so if one of us would "get him out."

He spoke in a very considerate, subdued voice. He was a gentleman throughout.

We were not so fortunate as we went on. We found no more children who could walk away. Some were injured horribly. Most were dead.

It is one of the most horrible experiences a man can conceive of. I don't care to think about it any more, or to talk about it.

My mother—I took her place for a few minutes—was killed.

DISMAL, WET DAWN FOUND NEW LONDON RED EYED FRIDAY

NEW LONDON, March 19.—(AP)—Dismal, drizzling dawn found New London red eyed in grief today. Only tiny signs of life were seen.

Parents, shocked and stupefied by one of the nation's most appalling school child tragedies of all times, the killing of hundreds in a school house explosion, wandered from one morgue to another, peering beneath crimson tinted sheets.

Throughout the night they plodded from one East Texas hamlet to the other seeking word of children hastily whisked away from the New London Consolidated high school after the blast late yesterday.

They crowded around radios in drug stores, straining to catch the sound of an announcer who read and reread the list of dead and injured.

Stretched end to end on an Overton roller skating rink, for at one time were 136 dead. The line past the shrouded figures was steady. Nurses lifted covers, tousled heads appeared, as rapidly as they were identified they were taken away to morgues.

A clearing agency established at the Overton City Hall was a haven for anxious kin. There they gave descriptions of their youngsters as they were identified yesterday morning for school.

"My Bobby was wearing a brown shirt, corduroy pants and brown shoes. He was such a little boy. Weighed about 110 pounds."

Two or three minutes later the mother swooned when informed he was alive in a Tyler hospital.

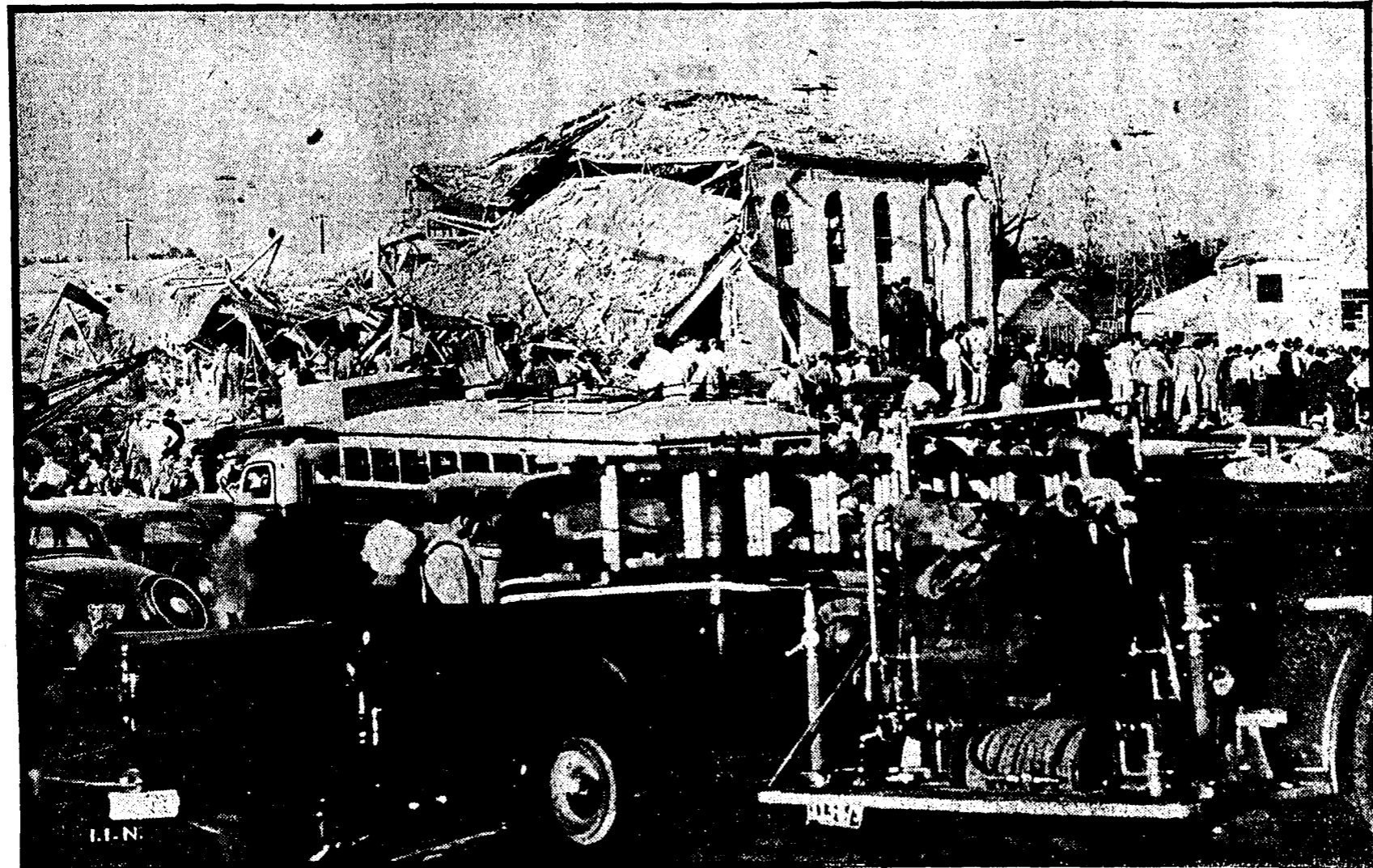
Telegrams piled high. Kin and friends of the dead packed the little office and scribbled death messages to all corners of the nation as scores of newsmen beat a steady clatter on a battery of typewriters.

Telephones were in constant use. Voices were heard.

"We have found Mary, mother. No don't think she suffered much. Her face had sort of a smile on it."

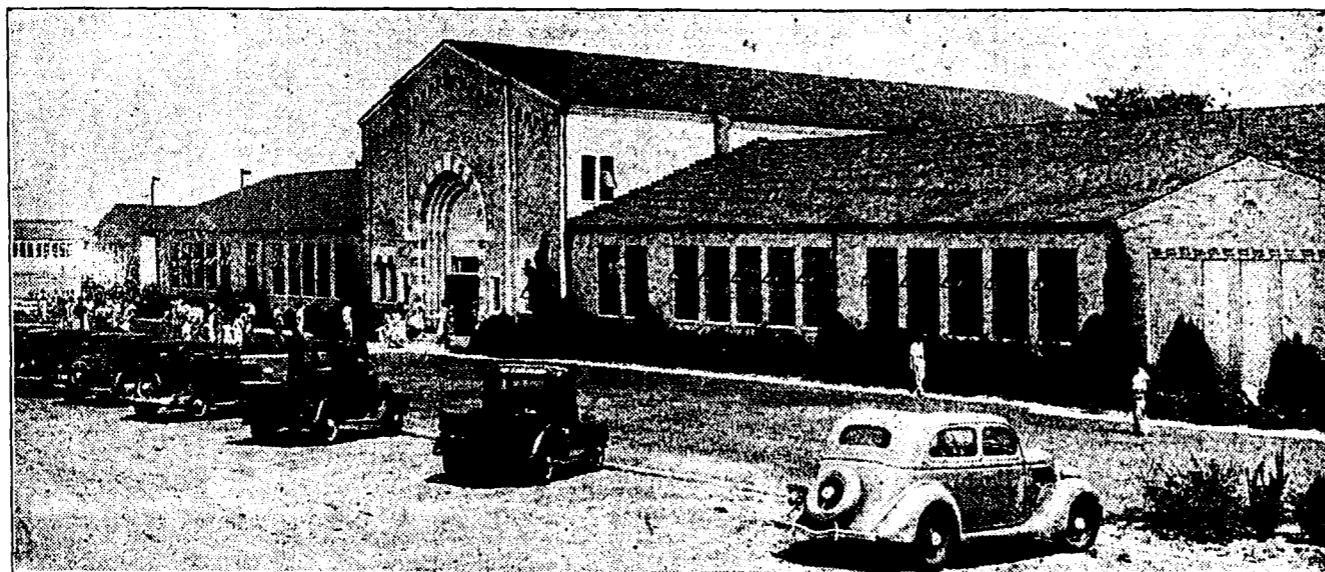
"Can you come tomorrow Tom? They haven't found the boy yet."

Thousands stood silently in a vast semi-circle around the shattered ruins of the school building. Occasionally workers would pause while a tiny body was lifted



A photograph snapped shortly after the New London school was razed by a terrific explosion Thursday afternoon showing cars of students and school busses in the left foreground. On the right may be seen fire fighting equipment that was rushed to the scene and quickly extinguished remnants of fire remaining after the blast. Crowds of students and workmen can be seen in the right background as rescue operations were started.

THIS WAS BUILDING WRECKED BY EXPLOSION THURSDAY



NEW LONDON, March 19.—(AP)—School where 700 trapped—The Consolidated school building which was wrecked by a terrific explosion Thursday that trapped 700 students. It was estimated that between 200 and 500 were dead. There were over 300 known dead. (Associated Press Photo)

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR FIVE VICTIMS OF SCHOOL TRAGEDY

CHILDREN AND RELATIVES OF FORMER RESIDENTS WERE AMONG DEAD

Funeral rites for five victims of the New London school explosion Thursday when more than 500 school children and teachers were killed were held here Friday and Saturday.

Funeral services for Mrs. Johnnie Marie Nelson, 30, of Overton, teacher, were held from the Mt. Calm Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in the Mt. Calm cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, J. D. Nelson, Overton; a son, Thomas W. Nelson, Overton; four stepsons, W. L. and Joe Nelson, both of Talco, and J. D. Nelson, Jr., and John Nelson, both of Overton; one step-daughter, Catherine, and Evelyn Nelson, both of Overton; mother, Mrs. H. Gellenberg, Waco, and a sister, Mrs. J. H. Bunch, Overton.

Funeral for child, Rachel Mae Knotts, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Knotts of Overton, formerly of Angus, were held from the First Baptist church here Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock with burial in the Hamilton cemetery, Rev. E. T. Miller, pastor, conducted the services.

Surviving are the parents, a brother, Floyd E. Knotts, Jr., Overton, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin, Corsicana, and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Knotts, Angus.

Funeral rites for Ross Smith, Jr., aged 10 years, son of S. R. Smith, Old Rodney, near Overton, blast victim, were held at Old Rodney Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with burial in Oakwood cemetery here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The funeral was conducted by Leslie G. Thomas, Church of Christ minister.

Double funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the chapel of the Corley Funeral Home for Onida, aged 11, and George Amos Bon-

ner, aged 13 years, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bonner of Overton, former Navarro county residents, school building explosion victims. The rites were conducted by Leslie G. Thomas, Church of Christ minister. Interment was made in the Prairie Point cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, a brother, Jimmie Ray Bonner, Overton; grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Lee Bonner, a grandfater, J. O. Gaines, both of Eureka.

The above five funerals were directed by the Corley Funeral Home.

John Arnold Ford, about 10, was killed at New London. He is a nephew of Wesley Ford of Corsicana.

Elizabeth Blanton, 16 year old daughter of Ed Blanton, former resident of Corsicana and well-known in local oil circles, was numbered among the victims of the New London tragedy Thursday afternoon.

Billie Sue Hall, 11, daughter of Bill Hall, former resident of Navarro, was killed Thursday, friends here learned Friday night.

In the hush, women would weep; these, apprehensive were the men.

Not many houses were darkened last night. Only the little few lights slept.

Oil and Gas East Texas' Greatest Asset—Lesson

NEW LONDON, March 19.—(AP)—A lesson in natural resources survived the school blast here.

As workmen cleared away the debris, a blackboard was exposed on which was scrawled the following:

"Oil and natural gas are East Texas' greatest mineral blessings. Without them this school would not be here and none of us would be here learning our lessons."

An accumulation of natural gas was blamed for the explosion which snuffed out hundreds of lives.

Newspaper Men On Job Quickly

OVERTON, March 20.—(AP)—Sleepless reporters punched typewriter keys through heavy smoke to relay to the world the story of the New London school tragedy.

One of the greatest overnight concentrations of news-gathering men and facilities in world history clustered at least five East Texas cities. Hundreds of thousands of words clicked over choked wires.

Telegraphic service was a premium and restricted. Bee-hive of this industry was the little West-end office in Overton, barely four miles from the scene of the explosion.

Scores of newspaper men—they came from such separated cities as Toronto, Canada, New York City, Chicago, Saint Paul, Atlanta—jammed the space of about 15 by 50 feet. A London England, paper telephoned in the emergency.

At least 30 Western Union employees were on call and working most of the time.

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School Head



W. C. Shaw, superintendent of the New London Consolidated school at New London, Texas, said it was "quite possible" gas from the nearby field accumulated in basement crannies and hollow tile, finally gave way to spontaneous combustion, causing the explosion which killed hundreds. Mr. Shaw, outside the building, barely escaped death from falling debris. (Associated Press Photo)

Officers Elected For Blooming Grove Fair For This Fall

BLOOMING GROVE, March 20.—Directors of the Blooming Grove Fair Association have elected the following officers:

R. Bruce McCormick, president; W. P. Orme, vice president, and W. A. Crawford, secretary.

The dates for the fair this year have been set for Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 and 2.

Card of Thanks.
We, the undersigned, take this means to express our thanks to our many friends for such beautiful flowers, kind words and deeds given us during the illness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. E. J. Champion. May God's richest blessings be yours.

W. D. CHAMPION, ELIZABETH CHAMPION, MRS. R. D. WRIGHT, MRS. W. H. BAILEY, T. H. CHAMPION, MRS. MAGGIE CLEMMER

LIST OF INJURED COMPILED BY RED CROSS AT SCHOOL

NEW LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—The Red Cross list of those injured in the New London school disaster follows:

Elizabeth Allen, Pearl Barber, Barton Barber, Sam Bunting, J. Fred Bauer, Agnes Barton, Buddy Braden, Elbert Brox, Brascomb family, one child; Marie Beard, George Bonner family, one child; Clara Cornelius, W. N. Carroll, Helen Cole, Bobbie Clayton, Helen Call, Cristene Cawson, Carley Lee Cox, Chester Cowan, Eddie Canthraux, Connie V. Dams, Marilyn Davidson, Merrill Davidson, Arlin Dees, Johnny Duke, Gloria Davis, Edward Damsan, George Embertling, Genevieve Elrod, Paula Echols.

S. B. Elliott, Winnifred Edwards, Eddie Esterlin, Walter Freeman, Mrs. Walter Ferguson, teacher; Horace Griggs, Neal Hicks, D. D. Hall family, one child; Ruby Lee Hooten, Elsie Jordan, J. W. Jolly, Goodell Jones, Fiddie Lee, Jimmie Jordan, Morris Lechtenberg, Ralph Lynch, Lois Lechenberg, Arzell Lloyd, Ophelia Mommann, D. Maye, Maxie Maddry, Doris Myrtle Vonson, Maye, Arlin Middleton, Carl Moore, Melba Marsden, Alyne Miller, J. C. Moore family, one child; Jackie Newman, a Norton family, one child; Lizzie Olsen, Evelyn Odum.

Dolores Roy, Ada Rae Smith, J. W. Strand, Chester Shaw, Chester Bon Saner, Marvin Shaw, Floyd Suttile, Jack Strickland, Robert Shaw, Jessie Lee Shaw, Ida Rae Smith, Adair Smith, Artie Smith, Mattie Mae Smith, Helen Stroud, Billie Thompson, Tom Turner, A. J. Thompson, Marguerite Thompson, Mary Lou Upchurch, Mrs. Walker, Lucille Walker, Mary Ellen Wyatt, Marilyn Wych, Mary Jo Webb, Marjorie Wilkinson, Freeman Walters, Miss Watson, Jack Walther, Marge Wilkinson, Maye Yanson, Arthur Shaw, Tallman, Turner.

The missing—J. C. Anderson, Mildred Clare, Ralph Smith, P. M. Salyer, Billy Sue Hall, Junior Hall, H. P. Dunn, Ida Rae Smith.

Victim New London School Explosion Buried Near Kerens

KERENS, March 20.—(SPL)—Doris Etheredge, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Etheredge, who was a victim of the New London school explosion, was buried in Oak Grove cemetery, three miles east of Kerens Saturday afternoon. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock p. m., with Rev. M. O. Cheek, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating.

Two younger brothers of the girl were in the building at the time of the explosion but escaped death by jumping from a window.

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SCHOOLBOY IS HERO OF BLAST; AIDED IN RESCUING FRIENDS

ALTHOUGH INJURED WORKS WITH RESCUERS UNTIL SICKNESS OVERCOMES HIM

(Editor's Note: Seventeen year old John Nelson, survivor of the New London Consolidated school tragedy, hero of the nation's most appalling modern child disaster.)

By JOHN NELSON
Written for The Associated Press.
NEW LONDON, March 19.—(AP)—Five of my class mates and my teacher were killed. I'm lucky to be telling you this.

I was in the manual arts shop in the basement of the building, working on a lathe. My teacher, Mr. L. Butler, was standing about five feet away. I guess there were 15 kids in the room.

Suddenly a big mass of sand and what looked like a ball of fire tumbled into the room. Something hit me on the leg. It felt like a "charley horse" you get playing football.

It knocked me down but I scrambled up and rushed outside. I had a funny sort of feeling and I sat down on the ground. I looked up and saw my sister hanging on a window pane. I climbed up and got her down. She was unconscious and bruised.

Then I ran back into the room and found Jack Stripling, unconscious and with a broken ankle. I dragged him across the room and out into the open. They told me later Jack wouldn't live.

I hurried back into the room. Mr. Butler and five of my friends were dead.

Back outside I helped them look for bodies for about 15 minutes and then I got sick. They took me home and today I'm in a hospital, getting a serum for possible lockjaw.

Our family was almost lucky. My mother, a teacher, was killed. One of my little sisters, and a brother, Evelyn, and Thomas, had gotten out of school an hour before and gone home on the bus. My older brother, Don, was in the building but wasn't hurt.

Former Resident Visits Corsicana

Col. Harold J. Weller, F. A. Texas National Guard, was a visitor in Corsicana Friday afternoon, renewing friendships in his former home.

Col. Weller is now custodian of federal property and disbursing officer for the Texas National Guard with headquarters in Austin.

the Lake Chapel cemetery at 4 p. m. Thursday, Rev. R. M. Moon officiated.

Mr. Tate is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Vivian Spivy, Mrs. Morrell Coates, and Miss Esther Tate; two sons, Marvin Tate, Jr., and Winfrey Tate, all of Fairfield; one sister, Mrs. Ida McMillan of Dallas, and two brothers, Walter Tate of Mayfield and Luther Tate of Fairfield.

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Some Human Interest Features of Disaster

NEW LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—Noticed in tragedy-ridden New London:

Mothers, grown sons and daughters lost in the school disaster, clutching tighter their tots as they walked along the street.

Crepe stirring from door knobs of closed business houses in a stiff north breeze that sprang up suddenly before dawn.

Three freight cars loaded with caskets arriving just after day-break. More on the way.

Nearby Overton filled to overflowing with relatives of the dead who came to the funeral home to select caskets for the victims.

Passing motorists stopping to gaze at stumpy foundations of the once imposing school house.

Thousands of telegrams and telephone calls of condolence still jamming all facilities.

Restaurants at Overton, filled with mostly silent customers, reporting business up 300 per cent.

Babbs School Remembers

HOBBART, Okla., March 20.—At the Babbs memorial school near here where 37 children and parents died in a Christmas eve fire in 1924, movement was started today to raise a relief fund to aid in work at the tragic New London, Tex., school disaster.

"Although the New London school was not built in 1924," said Ray Goforth, school board clerk here, "people in that area were among the largest contributors when death struck in our community."

Humble Did Not Furnish Gas.

NEW LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—The Humble Oil Company did not service gas to the destroyed New London Consolidated school, as was erroneously reported yesterday.

In seeking an explanation of how the explosion occurred the theory that the school used gas from its own wells was advanced. In tracing out that theory an official of the Humble Company was questioned and he said that the theory was not tenable as he knew the schoolhouse was "company serviced." He meant a gas company serviced the schoolhouse, and not that Humble Oil Company serviced it.

OKLAHOMA CITY TAKES PRECAUTIONS

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 20.—(AP)—Derrick-studded Oklahoma City moved today to safeguard its residents from gas explosions.

Prompted by the New London, Tex., school disaster, City Manager F. G. Baker ordered a check of all gas lines, notifying oil companies to empty them by the first of the week.

Two inspectors and six city firemen, directed by oil field inspector Gen. Daney, will shoot water into the lines up to 2,000 pounds pressure. Daney said if the pipes stand this pressure they will be pronounced safe.

J. J. Lynn, assistant fire chief, said he believed collected gas from the East Texas oil field caused the New London explosion.

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GOVERNMENTAL POWER

The big idea of the statesmen who wrote the Constitution of the United States was a government of checks and balances. A government of three branches—executive, legislative and judicial—each of which would do its own essential work without dominating the rest.

The perfect equilibrium thus sought may be unattainable in any human institution, but possibly we have come nearer to it than has any other great nation. Sometimes a strong President has dominated the government, sometimes a strong Congress, sometimes a strong Court. But on the whole there has been pretty good teamwork.

In big national crises the executive branch has generally had abnormal power. This has been regarded as necessary in case of war.

The country now faces an unusual struggle between the Executive and Judicial branches. The President has maintained that he needs more authority for dealing with a serious economic situation, and the Supreme Court has taken the attitude that the authority desired is forbidden, in various respects, by the Constitution. The President replies that the Constitution is elastic enough for his purposes if fairly interpreted, and the Court still seems disposed to hold to a strict construction in harmony with conservative precedents. Whereupon the Executive maintains that the personnel of the Court must be changed, so that the things which need doing can be done.

Whether the President and his friends in Congress will have their way is uncertain. Perhaps he can force his program through if he persists. Lately there is much talk of compromise, though not from the White House.

Whatever happens to the personnel of the present Court, it seems likely that out of this struggle we shall get another constitutional amendment or two, modifying the Court's authority and giving more power to Congress.

MOUSE-HOUSE MINDS

We are living in the power age, but have got our power prematurely. Our minds are still in the horse and buggy age. That is what is wrong with us, on the road and nearly everywhere else, according to Dr. Walter B. Pitkin, psychologist of Columbia University.

Talking of automobile hazards at a safety conference, he says:

"Ordinary human beings are not built by nature to handle a great deal of power, mechanical or social, but under our democratic practice we give power to all comers. The problem of the world at large, like the problem of reducing auto deaths, is psychological—100-horsepower machines and other devices in the hands of one-mouse-power, minds operated by old habits, points of view and philosophies."

We have to break down the habits of 300 years, he explains, changing the basic ways of life of 130,000,000 people, and doing it so that they will prefer the change.

That, as many Americans are beginning to realize, is quite a task—in highway traffic, in industry, in education, in government, in everything.

Good thing the magazines are changing to pictures. It's the only way we could ever get 'em read.

JUST FOLKS

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GARDEN THOUGHT.

I hold a little patch of ground
Where tulips bloom in early spring
And sweet forget-me-not is found.
A garden bed, blue bordering,
Is just another gracious way
By which the minds of men ex-
press
The hidden thoughts they cannot
say
In words which lack such love-
liness.

For ages long mankind has told
Its love of fragile, tender things
In clumps of golden marigolds
And all of nature's blossoming.
To pen and brush the gifted few
May turn at inspiration's call.
But many write their dreams in
rhyme.

Pale morning glories on a wall.

That something man cannot de-
fine
Which in himself he strangely
finds
In rows of phlox and columbine
And beds of zinnias he reveals.
He writes in gleaming gilded rod
Words that his lips have never
said.
And boldly tells his faith in God
In climbing roses, white and red.

THE OPIUM FIGHT.

There are a few simple human facts behind the opium evil which the League of Nations has been trying to end and against which China herself has taken heroic measures. There is great overproduction of opium in China because it is always a profitable crop. It is a source of revenue which the Chinese central and provincial governments are unwilling to renounce while there is nothing to take its place. If other sources of income were as effective, the opium production might be controlled, but they are not. It will require extensive agricultural and economic readjustments to make them so.

Opium menaces the whole world, not China alone, although China for a long time had to fight the evil almost alone. Japan, which has been remarkably successful in curtailing drug addiction at home, encourages it, or at least tolerates it, in the Chinese regions it controls.

When customs officials in Brooklyn, N. Y., recently seized \$200,000 worth of smoking opium from Shanghai, the problem was brought closer home. After years of effort against it, through treaties limiting the production of dangerous drugs to medicinal needs, through co-operation with the League of Nations, through educational campaigns, our government finds the problem growing instead of disappearing.

Disturbed international political conditions, economic depression, nationalism with its fierce rivalries, are combining to block enlightened moves toward freeing humanity from this curse. The fight isn't lost, but it calls for greater public interest and intelligent support.

VICTORY FOR WHOM?

Heavy thinkers are still trying to figure out how that big "labor victory" happened in the steel industry.

Maybe it happened just because the time was ripe for it. The tide of events has been setting strongly in that direction.

Maybe, too, it wasn't really a "labor victory" any more than a capital victory. Maybe the employers are winning as well as the employees. And maybe society in general is winning along with them.

Some pretty good economists think this sort of thing is the way to preserve the capitalist system.

WOMEN JUDGES.

In December, 1935, there were 20 women judges serving in American courts. Today there are 50 women judges in 15 states. There are still 27 states which do not permit women to sit on juries and similarly oppose their service on the bench. In view of that fact, the number of women judges and the rapid trend toward such appointments seem truly remarkable.

Women are especially fitted, it is said, to serve in juvenile and family courts, but if their ability and training are high their opportunities need not be limited to these fields.

Nowadays people are accused of "betraying their class" when they try to be decent to other classes.

"Gee!—Spring's Here!"**WAR BEFORE RECOVERY**

Great Britain seems willing to stop its economic recovery in order to put every resource into the great defense program. Sir Thomas Inskip, defense co-ordination minister, suggests that normal industry may have to stand still for three years while national armament is perfected. The steel planned for new buildings and for remodeling old ones is all needed for armament. Peaceful construction of all kinds must be postponed. Aircraft concerns are already so busy making war planes that there is no attempt to meet private demands.

Perhaps it is all necessary. But the future looks dark. If war comes and Britain's tremendous preparations succeed in warding off conquest, what then? Economic exhaustion goes with military victory these days as much as with defeat. And if no war comes, can modern weapons be converted into plowshares and pruning hooks and machinery? Can the nation that puts nearly all its resources for years into armaments and all its thinking into war plans turn easily to pick up the activities of civilization where it dropped them?

AIRWAY SAFETY

Airplane designers today are concentrating their efforts on comfort, safety and quiet rather than additional speed. The transport lines get passengers across the continent or to any destination today as fast as most occasions require. Days have been cut from some trips, hours from others. There may be further speed gains in the future, but they are no longer very important.

On the other hand, comfort, safety and quiet, with special emphasis on safety, are what the average passenger wants. They are also what the transport lines and the pilots want. With research bent to this end, the prophecy of the chairman of the board of North American Aviation seems reasonable. He says advancement in aeronautical design will make it possible by 1939 to operate transport planes throughout the year without a single fatality.

Father Coughlin, who said he would not do any more political broadcastings, is doing it again because "we are very near a political crisis." We all ways have been.

Lawyers seem to differ as much about the Constitution as preachers differ about Scripture.

SUN-GAZING

Next June there will occur the longest eclipse of the sun in 1,200 years. At one point it will have a totality of seven minutes four seconds. But that point will be in the open ocean about 1,500 miles from the nearest land. On a certain tiny coral island in the Pacific, the totality will last almost five minutes. American scientists hope to witness it there and take pictures of it.

There are other unusual features about the coming eclipse. It's path will cross the international date line, making the phenomenon begin June 9 and end June 8.

Let us hope the patient scientists will be rewarded with fine weather and get the information they hope for. More interesting to some folks just now would be knowledge of the effect the current sunspots have on us, and whether they are responsible for present cantankerous human behavior.

ITALY'S BABY CROP.

Italy may be approaching its population problem in the wrong way by taxing bachelors and childless couples and giving bonuses for large families.

The number of marriages has steadily declined in recent years in spite of government encouragement and aid. Italy had 350,000 marriages in 1922, and only 285,000 in 1935. In the same period the surplus of births over deaths dropped from 465,000 to 400,000.

Dr. Luigi Spolverini of Rome, in a current article, says bluntly that the infant mortality rate is now rising, and preventable diseases are taking more children under two years. He urges immediate action in health work and disease prevention.

The quality and opportunity of children born ought to be more important than their numbers, especially in a small, overcrowded country like Italy.

"Recovery Now in High Gear" says the financial page. And that's all right if the recovery bus has that new "hypoid" gear, holding it close to the ground.

"Congress Delays Tax Legislation." But it don't cheer too soon. They're just waiting till they see how much income we reported for last year.

The last presidential election cost \$23,973,000. Oh, well, we spend more than that on inferior shows every year.

Courthouse News

District Court.
The trial of the case styled Kent Refining Company vs. Texas & New Orleans Railway Company, damages, was started in District court Thursday afternoon. The remainder of the jury for the week after a jury had been selected in this case was finally excused. Attorneys in the case included H. W. George of Corsicana and Mr. Henderson for the plaintiff, while the defendant railway company is being represented by Frank A. Woods, Franklin, district attorney for the company and Lovett & Jacobs of Corsicana.

Marriage License.
Troy Satterfield and Kiola Miles.
Mineral Deed.
R. D. Fleming to LeValma Petroleum Company, 1-64 interest in 10.3 acres John Harris survey, \$10 and other considerations.

Justice Court.
Judge W. T. McFadden assessed a fine against a Mexican for parking an automobile on Chambers creek bridge on Highway 75 yesterday afternoon following an automobile crash. A V-8 belonging to Carlton Harris of Corsicana was reported demolished in the wreck. Harris escaped with minor injuries. The Mexicans were reported to have stopped to fix a flat tire on the bridge and the auto accident occurred later. Another car figured in the crash but was not extensively damaged.

Oil and Gas Leases.
Drew Ginn et al to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 79-1-1 acres Benjamin Roberts survey, \$1.

W. A. Brown to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 620 acres Chas. Kravitz survey, \$1.

Will Boyd et ux to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 77 acres Harvey and A. G. Gage survey, \$1.

J. F. Brown et al to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 63 acres W. W. Frazier and S. Harbrough surveys, \$1.

C. C. Williams to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 83-1-2 acres W. W. Frazier survey, \$1.

Mrs. M. L. Levine to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 150 acres J. H. Singleton survey, \$1.

C. O. Williams et al to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 63-1-3 acres W. W. Frazier survey, \$1.

E. D. Ingram to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 28.1 acres R. and A. G. Gage survey, \$1.

J. N. George to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 236.12 acres H. and A. G. Gage and Rowden Wright and Hatch surveys, \$1.

B. W. George to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 188 acres John Kerr, Wm. E. Kerr, Wm. H. Cameron and H. and A. G. Gage surveys, \$1.

H. M. Nicholson et al to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 100 acres J. H. Singleton survey, \$1.

J. A. Harris et al to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 174 acres W. W. Frazier survey, \$1.

R. W. Varnell, president, et al, to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 40 acres W. W. Frazier survey, \$1.

L. W. Armstrong et al to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 217 acres W. W. Frazier survey, \$1.

E. W. Holliday et ux to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 70 acres J. H. Singleton survey, \$1.

G. W. Dill to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 108 acres Benjamin Roberts and Chas. Frazier surveys, \$1.

E. J. Cruse to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 151 acres John Deek and John Galloway surveys, \$1.

J. J. Carmody to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 93.7 acres J. H. Singleton, Chas. Frazier and W. W. Frazier surveys, \$1.

Fate Brown et al to Gigantic Oil & Drilling Company, 108.9 acres W. W. Frazier, Benjamin Roberts, J. H. Singleton and Chas. Frazier surveys, \$1.

Warranty Deeds.
C. L. Dulaney et ux to R. E. Renfrow, a lot 60x240 feet at Roane, \$600.
J. J. Bryant et ux to R. E.

YOUTH ELECTROCUTED WHEN CAME CONTACT HIGH VOLTAGE WIRE**BODY BEING HELD LOCAL MORGUE PENDING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Elmer Hamill, aged 19 years, was electrocuted Thursday night on a 35-foot highline pole crossbar when he came in contact with a high voltage wire near the rock crusher on the old Corsicana-Richland road between Pickett and Richland.

Sheriff Rufus Pevehouse of Corsicana and W. G. Ivey, constable of Richland, answered the call and along with linemen of the Texas Power and Light company, rescued the lifeless body of the victim after the high electric voltage had badly charred the body and burned one foot off, according to the officers.

Sheriff Pevehouse said that the foot, hat and a shoe of the young man, along with a pair of pliers, were found on the ground under the body.

Officials of the power company said the first interruption of the voltage came shortly before 9 o'clock Thursday night. The body was removed from the lines about 10:45 o'clock by means of a rope.

Surviving are the father, Chas. Hamill, Richland, and other relatives.

The body is being held at the Corley Funeral home pending funeral arrangements.

FORMER CORSICANA WOMAN BE BURIED HERE ON SUNDAY

Mrs. Hazel Eva McAfee, former resident of Corsicana, died early Saturday at her home in Glade-water. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Bazzette Baptist church with burial in the Bazzette cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, John Lee McAfee, Glade-water; a daughter, Joan McAfee, Glade-water; parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Morris, Corsicana; four brothers, Weldon Morris, W. G. Morris, Johnnie Morris and Jack Morris, all of Corsicana; and three sisters, Mrs. J. A. Etheredge, Henderson, and Misses Julia Morris and Zula Morris, both of Corsicana.

Funeralbearers will be R. H. White, Ted Starks, Haskell Gray, W. H. Tipton, Neal Owen and B. E. Gilliland.

Honorary pallbearers will be friends of the family.

Sutherland-McCammon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

PERSONS NEEDING SOCIAL SECURITY WARNED TO HURRY

Postmaster A. A. Allison states that it is very probable that social security numbers will be issued from the Corsicana postoffice for only a short time longer. He thinks that regional offices will be set up in the near future, and that the numbers will then be issued from those offices.

Mr. Allison suggests that it will be well for persons in this vicinity who may need social security numbers to secure them at once, as there will be no need for applications in securing the numbers if applications have to be forwarded to a regional office.

Well Known Mexia Oil Man Died Last Night In Dallas

J. E. (Pete) Urschel, about 55 years of age, well-known independent oil operator of Mexia, died in a Dallas hospital Thursday night. Funeral services will be held in Mexia Saturday, friends here Friday were advised.

Urschel owned oil properties in the local oil field near Navarro and was well known in oil circles in this section.

Renfrow, lot in Roane, \$25.
R. E. Renfrow et ux to J. H. Sheets, two lots in Roane, \$350.

W. M. Watson to the Federal Land Bank of Houston, Texas, 34.32 acres Wm. J. Hutchinson survey, \$1,000.

M. E. Reynolds et al to W. E. Bowman, 3-5 acre in the northeast corner of a park in Frost, \$400.

Eddie Welch et ux to Edgar Fox, 16 acres James M. Smith survey, \$400.

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News of County Home Demonstration Clubs

Midway 4-H Club.
The Midway 4-H Club met Tuesday the 16th at the home of Mrs. W. J. Lewis.

The meeting was called to order by the president. We discussed unfinished business. There were eight members and visitors present. We will meet at Mrs. R. J. Chandler's April the 8th. Will call chicken. —Reporter.

Kerens Garden Club Met Thursday With Miss Kimes Hostess

KERENS, March 19.—(Spl.)—The Kerens Garden club met Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. O. Hemphill, with Miss Dana Kimes as hostess.

Mrs. E. H. Horton, leader for the afternoon, presented the following program on "Variety in the Garden."

"Garden Pools," Mrs. Roy Cloud; "New Plants of the Year," Mrs. Horace Newsome.

A round table discussion on "What I have done to improve my garden this year," concluded the program. Refreshment plates with Easter bunnies as favors were served to members and Mrs. M. W. Kimes and Mrs. Joe Everhart who were guests.

White Man Arrested In Connection With Charges of Theft

A white man was arrested by city officers Friday on a theft investigation charge and later 175 pounds of white lead, alleged to have been stolen from the Lyon-Gray Lumber Company, was reported recovered. The man was later transferred to county authorities.

Two white men were arrested by city officers Friday in connection with the theft of 1000 feet of brass composed principally of lightning rods from an Ennis school. The men were later released to the constable from Ennis.

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Strength is extra-important for women going through the change of life. Then the body needs the very best nourishment to fortify it against the changes that are taking place. In such cases, Cardui has proved helpful to many women. It increases the appetite and aids digestion, favoring more complete transformation of food into living tissue, resulting in improved nutrition and building up and strengthening of the whole system.

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-CORSICANA-

Rescue Workers State All Bodies Have Been Removed From Debris

NEW LONDON, March 19.—(P)—Laborers ceased digging into the ruins of the London consolidated school this afternoon and wearily said "the job is finished" after 425 bodies had been removed from the pile of debris.

Colonel C. E. Parker, national guard commander, said every brick had been turned in the basement of the explosion-riddled structure and that the job of seeking bodies had ended. He said final cleaning up would take only an hour longer. He said about 425 bodies had been lifted from the pile of steel and brick and added that "there may have been a few more than that." Wounded oil field laborers who had toiled for nearly 21 hours, several of them during a slashing rainstorm, stopped work in groups and went home to be-reaved wives.

Crushed and torn bodies of children came out of the blast-shattered schoolhouse in a rainstorm as a military inquiry was quickly set in motion within the ruins.

It was a dismal, drizzling scene, dotted with frenzied, red-eyed parents and determined investigators.

Major Gaston Howard, appalled at the nation's worst modern child tragedy, said an investigation board of six would start functioning this afternoon. Survivors and eye witnesses would be questioned in an open hearing, he said.

Believed Gas Blast

First definite indication that accumulated gas caused the blast that lifted hundreds of school children, heavy girders and bricks into the air, came from Major Howard when he said Dr. E. R. Shoch, noted chemistry professor at the University of Texas, had been summoned to testify.

The recovered bodies, comprising virtually all of the countryside's younger generation and their teachers, were distributed among widely scattered morgues.

Seeping gas, an ever-present menace in oil fields, collected in pockets even in well ventilated buildings and along highways. Assistant Fire Chief J. J. Lynn explained at Oklahoma City, "Gas sometimes forms in pockets in valleys in the oil field country," he said. "The East Texas country of New London is hilly. You'd probably find more gas pockets along highways there."

The theory of accumulated gas was first advanced by Superintendent W. C. Shaw, who himself lost a son in the destruction of his high school.

A sympathetic nation followed the leadership of President Roosevelt in offering succor. A national Red Cross disaster director, Robert Evans, to head relief work. The Texas legislature set investigative machinery to work and sent a delegation of its members to make a first hand survey of the community's needs.

Grief reached into virtually every home of oil-workers, company officials and farmers in the community.

Parents wandered from one morgue to another, peering beneath sheets. They plodded from one East Texas hamlet to the next, seeking word of their children. Many had been taken away from the London Consolidated high school after the blast yesterday.

They crowded around radios in drug stores, straining to catch the words of an announcer who had read and reread the list of dead and injured.

Stretched end to end on an Overton roller-skating rink last night, the line of the shrouded figures was steady. Nurses lifted covers, tumbled heads appeared. As rapidly as they were identified they were taken.

Workers Continue Digging Into Ruins

NEW LONDON, March 19.—(P)—Oil field workers dug with bloodied hands into the wrecked structure of the London Consolidated school today for their own children, victims of an appalling blast tragedy that already had yielded bodies of 348 high school students.

Tons of debris remained to be removed on ground and basement floors, feared the tomb of scores of bodies buried under an explosion of unknown origin ripped the imposing structure to broken bits late yesterday.

Nestled in a cluster of oil derricks in the heart of the world's most prolific flush oil field, the school, the smallest rural institution in the nation, was a shambles.

Dance halls, roller skating rinks, churches, hotels, hospitals and morgues in six nearby towns were filled with dead.

Workers boring into an almost impregnable mass of ruins wearily. Calls for replacements echoed over the vicinity from a powerful public address system. Some fell exhausted, others stripped to the waist, stumbled out of dust clouds for fresh air and plunged back for more digging.

Even of oil, the \$150,000 structure showed spot of the derelict oil belt met destruction in the same manner.

Cause Blast Unknown. Superintendent W. C. Shaw who stood outside on the grounds and barely escaped death from debris that hurtled 300 yards in all directions, said it was "quite possible" that a gas leak from the nearby field had accumulated in basement crannies and hollow tile and finally gave way to spontaneous combustion.

The odor of gas had been strong for weeks, he commented, and several survivors of the tragedy said gas fumes had bothered them recently.

Bricks, steel and children's bodies shot skyward in the sudden explosion. All landed in a twisted heap.

Today acetylene torches cut into the pretzel-like steel girders in all parts of the wrecked building—part of an elaborate \$1,000,000 school plant as workers reached a basement floor believed to be hiding more bodies.

The odor of gas had been strong for weeks, he commented, and several survivors of the tragedy said gas fumes had bothered them recently.

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Two hundred yards from the

workers were sent to assist. Scores of volunteer doctors and nurses already had hurried to the scene by plane and automobile after an appeal for help was broadcast.

Despite their efforts, gravely wounded children, many of them suffering from concussions and with torn limbs, lay for hours without medical aid.

Doctors and nurses attended them as fast as they became available. American Legion units, Boy Scouts and civic organizations gave first aid.

Tragedy Struck Nation. The tragedy struck deep into the heart of the nation. From all sections offers of aid and condolences streamed in.

In Warm Springs, President Roosevelt announced he had ordered the Red Cross and other government agencies to "stand by and render every assistance to the little Texas community."

Governor James W. Allred, after a brief martial law, ordered a military court martial to begin an investigation.

The slow process of identification moved forward before dawn. Bodies were held in morgues and improvised morgues in a dozen towns. Injured, of which there was yet no accurate estimate, were equally as scattered.

Many parents still had not learned if their children were alive. Cars loaded with kin traveled from town to town, from morgue to morgue, from hospital to hospital, as the search continued. "I was so hopeful. Many of the injured were so badly crushed that little hope was held for them."

Bodies of the children recovered from the shattered building were badly mangled. They were described as resembling rag dolls, limp and shredded. Recognition in many cases was difficult.

Several strange deaths, as by a miracle, J. B. Nelson, Jr., an oil company employee who was in the building, was blown through a window. Evelyn Peters was another. She was killed by a gas leak.

Eye-witnesses said that a menacing rumble preceded the explosion. Then there was a roar and the roof of the building was pushed up. Then it pancaked down as the walls crumbled outward. Bricks flew for a quarter of a mile. Cars nearby were wrecked.

Within two hours 1,500 men were toiling in the ruins. As one dead body after another was removed, hope that any might be found faded. Most of those injured were reached soon after the explosion, or were not actually in the building.

Joe Davidson, 52, aviator veteran, before the war was holder of the Croix de Guerre, who lost three of his four children in the explosion, told in the debris, "I was shot down twice during the war. I was so lucky. But this is the worst I have ever known."

Man Finds 25 Bodies. Another blood and grime-smear rescue worker, who had just finished a day of work in the oil field, sought for his child in the ruins. He brought out 25 bodies, but not that of his own child.

Shaw, the school superintendent, looked for his son, Sam, 17. Early today he had not found him.

R. K. Carr, an oil company employee, was one of the first to reach the scene. He found the wreckage and the first body he found was that of his own little girl.

The explosion came just a few minutes before high school students were to be dismissed for the day. There were 740 students and teachers in the building. The nearby elementary school building, which was empty, had 500 younger students, although few of them were in the building when it was wrecked.

Mrs. W. H. Phillips sought three children from the wreckage. She and her husband, who were on their way to the school a few minutes before the explosion to meet her other children, Virgil, 12, and Camilla, 10. Mrs. Phillips stopped early at the school. Her 10-year old son ran up to the building just as the blast rent it.

His body was one of the first brought out. Virgil's body was brought out later. The body of Camilla was still sought.

The London Consolidated school is known as the richest rural school in the nation. There are several production oil wells on its campus, located midway between London and New London near Henderson in the heart of the vast productive East Texas oil field. There were no main buildings on the entire campus. The school was valued at \$1,000,000. The value of the destroyed building was said by school officials to be about \$150,000.

Beaumont Firemen Relieved. LONGVIEW, March 19.—(P)—Seven weary Beaumont men with fire trucks passed through here on route home today after disaster rescue work at New London. Eight nurses who had come in the party remained at the scene. Enroute home were John Smith, E. Ashcroft, Lyndon, Tyson, Gilbert, Ed Goss, Elbert Cato and Frank Estes.

Red Cross Ready Send Nurses. WASHINGTON, March 19.—(P)—The Red Cross said today it was ready to send a large number of trained disaster workers to New London, Tex., if the situation resulting from the school explosion warranted.

Albert Evans, a disaster director who has been engaged in flood relief work at Little Rock, Ark., wrote to New London last night. His report will be the basis of the organization's action.

Upon receiving word of the disaster, the Red Cross last night asked its chapter at Shreveport, La., to send a team of nurses and doctors as were available to New London by plane. It also asked chapters in nearby Texas cities to send aid.

The Red Cross also made arrangements for the immediate opening of a hospital at Tyler, Tex., near New London, which was under construction and near completion.

Appalling Aspects Described Friday By Pair Morticians. DALLAS, March 19.—(P)—The most appalling aspects of the London Consolidated School disaster were described today by two Dallas undertakers who cared for some of the twisted bodies of the hundreds of child victims.

Jerome Crane said, "We went immediately to the Overton Funeral Home. There were at least 75 bodies there. At least 20 of them will never be identified."

First Contribution. Lina and Helen O'Daniel made the first contribution received at the Sun office for the victims of the New London school tragedy.

The total amount in the fund, which was brought to the Sun office early Friday morning with the request the money be forwarded to the proper authorities.

MOTHERS-FATHERS ONLY ABLE FATHOM SHOCK OF DISASTER

COURAGE AND STRENGTH NEEDED CARRY ON SEARCH FOR CHILDREN

By MARY KENDALL HILTON
NEW LONDON, March 19.—(P)—Only a mother or father could understand emotionally the shock and loneliness in the hearts of the stricken families of the London Consolidated school disaster.

The parents of dead and injured children have made hasty and bitter pilgrimages from town to town within a radius of forty miles and grief-stricken mothers, some carrying hope and fear in their hearts—others black despair.

The pitiful wails of youngsters lie in tragic rows. It takes courage and strength for these anguished mothers and fathers to carry on the search for the terrific force of the blast ruthlessly battered and lacerated the young bodies, once so alive.

Each parent's heart is added the sorrow and burden of other hearts as women and men seek to comprehend the extent of the tragedy and sense the magnitude of grief for friends, neighbors, strangers, every one.

I arrived at the London school yard about an hour after the explosion and the scene at first seemed unreal. The confusion rose a concert and desperate effort to unearth the children. Women stared with eyes which could not comprehend the picture before them. They could not be the new school groveling in the dust like a stricken animal.

The men of the community, heads of working families, with a strength among the weeping women folk, seeking to comfort them.

One of the most thoughtful expressions uttered in this veritable sea of grief was that of a middle-aged oil field worker, whose face was lined heavily with new sorrow.

"If every mother and father in the country could see this picture," he said, "they would thank God every minute of their lives for having spared them this terrible thing."

NEWS OF DISASTER BROUGHT SADNESS LOCAL RESIDENTS

Corliss was stunned about 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon when the first news of the disaster at the New London school became generally known, and hundreds of citizens turned to the Daily Sun office or called for information, or tuned in their radios for some more hopeful report than the first received.

As the reports of the death toll mounted, higher and higher telephone communications with relatives in the stricken area became impossible, the number of calls at the newspaper office increased. Many families were directly affected by the disaster because interested in the fate of the families of hundreds of friends who resided in this city during the many years of oil activity in this vicinity.

Two extra editions were issued by the Daily Sun keeping local residents informed of the latest details of the tragedy as they were uncovered by hundreds of hastily assembled men and the news sent directly to the newspaper office over the leased wires of the Associated Press. The entire town was covered by news-broadcasts.

After a few hours the most sought information was the list of the dead and injured but this was not available until early in the morning. Bitterness in the Daily Sun office ran continuously until far in the night and the facts were passed along as rapidly as they were received.

A number of Corsicana residents turned to the scene of the disaster during the afternoon and offered their services and any assistance the community could afford. These included W. F. McCammon, A. L. Huffman, John R. Corley, A. W. Wareing, Harold Minnis and others.

Almost every resident of Corsicana had some acquaintance among the victims, many of whom formerly resided in Corsicana and nearby, or among the thousands of adults affected who were either natives of this section or former residents.

John R. Corley, Jr., head of the Corley Funeral Home, stated on his return Friday morning from the scene of the disaster that it was indescribable and horrible beyond imagination, with the bodies of the hundreds of the victims mangled, shattered and mutilated.

Mr. Corley rushed to New London as soon as possible and an ambulance was placed at the disposal of those in charge of the rescue work.

It was the most horrible tragedy he had ever witnessed, Corley pointed out, "and much worse than anyone can describe it."

Clasped In Each Other's Arms Boy And Girl Alive

NEW LONDON, March 19.—(P)—Clasped in each other's arms, a boy and girl were found alive early today in the ruins of the blast-shattered \$1,000,000 London Consolidated School. The explosion, which killed more than 300 children, formed a crude arch of falling debris which sheltered the two.

After hysterical and sobbing, they were carried through the throng hastily and their names were learned. They were of junior high school age.

Other Disasters Have Taken High Toll Past Years

By The Associated Press. The magnitude of the calamity at New London, Tex., is brought into relief by comparison with other disasters in the history of the United States.

Available records indicate that more than a dozen times since the founding of the nation have more than 400 persons, children and adults, lost their lives in a single accident, storm or other disaster.

By contrast, 602 died in the famous Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago in 1903; about 500 in San Francisco's earthquake and fire in 1906 and 1,021 in the burning of the steamship General Slocum in New York's East River in 1904.

Major disasters involving only children in this country have been few. The worst was the Collinwood school fire in Cleveland, Mar. 4, 1908 when 172 pupils and two teachers lost their lives because the doors opened the wrong way.

Seventy-two children died in a Christmas party false fire panic at Calumet, Mich., Dec. 24, 1913, and 77 in a Cleveland, S. C., school fire May 17, 1923.

A representative list of major catastrophes in American history follows:

The Iroquois Theatre in Chicago, December 30, 1903, was one of the most notable disasters, with 575 counted dead.

A fire in a theater and circus at St. Petersburg, Russia, on Feb. 14, 1886, snuffed out 800 lives.

One of the most horrible holocausts was the fire which swept the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, April 21, 1930, taking 320 lives.

An explosion and fire in Hall's Nova Scotia, Dec. 8, 1917, cost 1,226 lives.

A church burned in Santiago, Chile, Dec. 8, 1863. Two thousand perished.

Poisonous yellow smoke curled up from a burning film in a Cleveland, Ohio, clinic, May 15, 1929. The fire and fumes killed 125.

Other disasters which caused a heavy cost:

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April 18-19, 1908—Over 500, quake and fire, San Francisco.

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MCCAMMON VISITED SCENE NEW LONDON SCHOOL EXPLOSION

PICTURE OF INDESCRIBABLE HORROR AND PATHOS WAS PRESENTED

A picture of indescribable horror and pathos was presented by the New London school shortly after the tragedy of Thursday afternoon, according to W. P. McCammon, president of the Corsicana Board of Education, who went to the disaster scene.

Mr. McCammon talked with Superintendent W. C. Shaw as he lay in his home suffering from numerous wounds received in the blast, and offered every assistance available in Corsicana if and when needed.

The head of the stricken school told Mr. McCammon that he himself had missed death in the building by a matter of seconds only, and expressed his appreciation of the offer of assistance. It was reported that none of the school buses were damaged, and that the homes of the children when the accident occurred.

The Corsicana representative reported that he was unable to describe the tragedy of the school as the thousands of men and the massed equipment of all the oil companies made every effort to clear the debris. He said that he was impressed by the untold sadness of the area, unbroken by any shouts or loud commands but work going on with marvelous speed.

Mr. McCammon said that every man seemed to know his place and his job and there was no lost motion. Thousands lined the area outside the ropes as they watched the recovery of the bodies but there were few demonstrations of any kind. Lights from the nearby football field had been transferred to advantageous points and the activities were brilliantly illuminated.

A. L. Huffman, ambulance driver for the Sutherland-McCammon Funeral Home, went to the scene with an ambulance early in the evening. He said that the bodies listed from all parts of the state that aided in removing the dead and injured from the wreckage. He returned to Corsicana about mid-morning Friday.

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Anguish, Terror Mark Identifying Of Dead Children

OVERTON, March 19.—(P)—A shriek, half of anguish, half terror, echoed in the American Legion auditorium. Another mother had identified her child among those who died in the London school explosion.

The improvised scene was described today by a visitor, Mrs. James F. Laughhead.

"Mattresses spread row on row bore the mangled, smashed and torn bodies of 116 victims—children and adults."

"Through the big hall shuffled a crowd of men, women and children hoping against hope they would not find a loved one among the masses stretched on the mattresses."

"Now and then a woman screamed and listeners knew she had come upon her child among the dead."

"In an undertaking place sheets covered 35 or 40 bodies, along with the frantic parents and relatives who sought their kin were cowering mothers. Some lifted the sheet-anchors."

"In the great crowds that gathered wherever bodies had been taken screams and wailings were heard."

President Orders Federal Aid For School Disaster

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., March 19.—(P)—President Roosevelt, shocked by the tragedy of the New London, Texas, school explosion, ordered governmental agencies today to help succor the country's youngest generation.

He requested the Red Cross and government agencies to "stand by and render every assistance in their power to the community to which this shocking tragedy has come."

In a formal statement he said he was appalled by the news.

Pathos and Tragedy In School Explosion

By The Associated Press. DALLAS.—Coffinmakers were swamped with orders for medium sized caskets in which to bury victims of the London Consolidated school tragedy.

NEW LONDON.—The name of Alvin Gerdes, no stranger to print appeared again today but it drew no notice—only bowed heads. He was a member of the district champion London football team and considered a brilliant college prospect, he was one of the blast victims.

DALLAS.—Hundreds of dosages of anti-tetanus serum were sped to the blast scene. Physicians said it was badly needed because of the danger of lock jaw developing from wounds of the injured.

DURANT, Okla.—"It's terrible," said Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, and an expression of dismay spread over her face when news of the tragedy reached her.

WILLS POINT.—Jesse Couch, 30, was one of the thousands who hurried to the blast scene by motor car. He was killed in a collision near Tyler.

NEW LONDON.—Scores of parents were attending a parent-teacher association meeting 200 yards from the high school building when they heard the roar. They rushed screaming into a blinding dust fog toward the debris. Their children were under the felled brick and steel.

NEW LONDON.—"Ten seconds more and I would have been in a part of the building where everyone would have been killed," said F. W. Waggoner, principal of the nearby elementary school. "I never want to enter another school building."

OVERTON.—Bodies were placed on cots here in a building formerly used as a skating rink. While frantic parents moved from cot to cot. A sign overhead read: "Gentlemen, Kind Please Remove Hats While Waiting."

NEW LONDON, Tex.—Only a few hours after the explosion came this cable:

"Our sympathy (Signed) Kanto Commercial School, Tokio, Japan."

Another from Maracaibo, Venezuela, inquired for the safety of two grandchildren enrolled in the school.

NEW LONDON.—Two nights ago George M. Davidson, oil field engineer, was killed in a building fire. He was a member of the district champion London football team and considered a brilliant college prospect, he was one of the blast victims.

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RELIEF AND BUDGET BALANCING ANSWERS ARE WITH PRESIDENT

ROOSEVELT MAY BRING ANSWER TO QUESTIONS BACK FROM WARM SPRINGS

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—An answer to the question of how much the federal government shall spend for relief in the next fiscal year—and whether the budget will be balanced—may come back late this week with President Roosevelt from Warm Springs, Ga.

All talk of budget balancing centered on the problem of relief. Some congressmen want to cut relief costs; others have called for even greater expenditures. The president said some time ago he expected to transmit to congress by April 10 his message on relief appropriations. He has been working on it at Warm Springs, Ga.

Mr. Roosevelt has indicated the appropriation may be kept within \$1,500,000,000 if the budget is to be balanced. The Works Progress Administration, based on its present spending rate, will disburse about \$1,500,000,000 a year. The budget-balancing camp asserts the national emergency is over, that unemployment needs are greatly exaggerated, and that the Works Progress Administration, Harry Hopkins and his followers are eager to see relief made a permanent and extensive government function.

The other side there is a sizable bloc led by Rep. Maverick (D-Texas) which contends millions are still urgently in need of aid and that no one but the federal government can take care of them.

Difference Over Tenant Matters

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—A sharp division of opinion in the House Agriculture Committee threatened today to tie up indefinitely the administration's program to aid the nation's 3,000,000 tenant farmers.

The issue, members said, was whether the government should be permitted to assume the position of landlord to the tenants it would help purchase farms on easy credit terms.

Objections were raised recently by Secretary Wallace and several committee members to a proposal by Chairman Jones (D-Texas) for a new law to purchase 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 acres of land to be sold to tenants. When the committee was unable to agree on a new measure last week, it was ordered re-drafted.

Would Be Denied Preference

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Informal officials predicted today the Philippines would be completely independent would be denied the trade preference with the United States which Cuba enjoyed for many years.

They cited a joint statement by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Francis B. Sayre, assistant secretary of state, which said that after independence—whether in 1946, or in 1952 or 1953 as Quezon has charged—"it is contemplated that trade relations between the two countries will be regulated by a reciprocal trade agreement on a non-preferential basis."

Legislation Highly Advisable

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—General Hugh S. Johnson said today that prompt enactment of legislation to take the profits out of war and provide for war time mobilization of industry was "highly advisable."

The former NRA administrator told the house military committee it was much better to enact such legislation deliberately during peace than to jam it through in an emergency.

RUPTURE OF GERMAN VATICAN RELATIONS IS HINTED MONDAY

POPE ACCUSES NAZI REGIME OF VIOLATING CONCORDAT IN LETTER

BERLIN, March 22.—(AP)—Rupture of Germany's relations with the Vatican was hinted today after a strong papal letter to Catholic congregations accused the Nazi regime of violating the German-Vatican concordat and encouraging anti-Christian movements.

Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's newspaper "Voelkischer Beobachter," in an editorial interpreted as an answer to the papal letter from Pope Pius XI, implied the Vatican concordat might be cancelled by the reich.

"At the conclusion of the concordat, the state could not know how the church would later interpret its provisions," said the paper, declaring "even an agreement with the Holy See has not sacrosanct, unchangeable and eternal value."

The Holy Father's letter, read Sunday to astonished church-goers brought into the open the Nazi-church conflict which the 1933 concordat sought to pacify.

Pope Pius declared in his letter he signed the concordat "despite grave misgivings, because we believed it to be in the best interests of the church and the German people."

If its terms were not kept that is not the fault of the church. The other side made unfair interpretation of the concordat, evaded its provisions, undermined its content and finally more or less openly violated its stipulations," said the pope.

Full rights to continue religious instruction of Catholic youth were promised the church in the concordat, while civic education was delegated to the state which wedged uniform education laws. The church agreed to ban political announcements by Catholic churchmen.

Pope Places Blame

German Government

VATICAN CITY, March 22.—(AP)—Pope Pius, in a reference interpreted as the allusion as directed "unmistakably," at Reich-

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emerged, carrying folding cots, canned goods and other impediments of their 11-day occupation.

They were not placed under arrest. Some said they were going home. Others said they were going to union headquarters.

Thomas P. Henry, the proprietor, said the plant would resume operation on an open-shop basis and that applications for re-employment would be considered from the strikers who, he said, "ceased to be employees last week."

The Henry plant has been non-union. Recognition of the International Brotherhood of Union is the major issue in the strike.

Mayor Frank Couzens declared that the raids would continue on captive plants where the police had reason to believe non-employees were occupying the plant. He expressed doubt the workers would follow a leadership that would call a city-wide automotive strike, and said that a strike of workers who were just emerging from the depression would be inhuman.

Called on to Show Strength

Nevertheless, handbills were distributed calling upon union members to "show labor's strength" in a demonstration at Cadillac Square in the heart of Detroit at 5 p. m. (eastern standard time) Tuesday.

The handbill bore headlines which said: "Stop Police Strike-Breaking Brutality," and "Protect the Right to Strike."

The UAW also disclosed the organization of "Minute Men" among members, along military lines, with the avowed purpose of "protecting strikers and the right to strike."

A telegram from UAW officers to 29 Detroit leaders said that "because of a grave situation created by police and the mayor in attacking the right of strikers throughout the city, the International officers have decided to take 'decisive steps.'"

Chrysler Deadlock

The issue of sole bargaining rights continued to deadlock negotiations for settlement of the Chrysler eight Chrysler corporation plants here with nearly 80,000 workers idle.

Since Wednesday, 6,000 Chrysler workers occupying eight Chrysler plants have been in violation of a court injunction against picketing. Wilcox gave no indication that he was preparing to attempt the service of writs calling for the arrest of the strikers.

The Michigan Sheriff's Association, through Jerome S. Borden, of Kalamazoo, secretary, offered Sheriff Wilcox the assistance of 1,000 deputies to eject the Chrysler strikers.

Martin declared in a letter to Governor Murphy today that Chrysler officials were "stalling" in their conferences with the law, and that the company's conference went into the conference with strict instructions to say nothing but no, no, no, to union proposals for settlement.

He said the negotiations were "farcical from the beginning" and that the company met with the union "only so it could publicly maintain the position that it is always willing to meet with representatives of the company."

"If the company's proposal to us were transferred to the method of representing the people of Michigan, you would be the governor today only for the 892,774 people who voted for you last November. In the country as a whole, Franklin D. Roosevelt would be president only for the 27,511,615 citizens who voted for him while his opponent, Alfred M. Landon, would be president No. 2 for the 16,681,913 who voted for him."

"You can see how absurd this is and yet it is the only concrete proposal the company has ever laid before the union."

Defending sit-down strikers, he said the governor that the type of strike has been "singularly free of destruction of property and what is more important, not a single life has been lost."

fuehrer Adolf Hitler, warned the third reich today that anyone who attempts to replace God as the supreme religious being should be regarded as "a senseless prophet of absurdity."

"The point has now been reached where there is a question of the final and highest end, of salvation or of perdition."

He charged the 1933 concordat between the Vatican and the Berlin government—in which the separate rights of church and state were set forth—has been destroyed and "rendered intrinsically valueless."

He placed direct blame for destruction of the agreement on the government, asserting "we have done everything to defend the sanctity of the solemnly pledged word."

Although expressing his "paternal sorrow" over the church and state conflict in Germany, the pontiff militantly charged that Catholics were being persecuted "with pressure veiled and open and with intimidations which promise professional, economic, civic and other advantages."

Calling for a return to basic theology, the pope declared anyone daring to place a simple mortal beside or above Christ is "a senseless prophet of absurdities."

The issuance of the encyclical epistle became known here for the first time today when the Vatican secretary of state issued a 1,500 word summary of the document which had at first been described as an apostolic letter.

Win Catholic Title

CHICAGO, March 22.—(AP)—Fenwick high of Chicago defeated Catholic high of Joliet, Ill., 30 to 27 at Loyola University last night to win the National Catholic basketball championship.

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Shaw, emphasized, however, that Clover had always refused specific permission for the connection. "I am not a 'party' responsible" for giving the order to run the pipe and said he directed school janitors to make the connection.

NEW LONDON, March 22.—(AP)—Superintendent W. C. Shaw, a tall old man torn with grief since the London school blast that killed 455 of his pupils and teachers, broke down during testimony before a committee of inquiry today and was taken from the witness stand to an adjoining ante-room.

Shaw, just had testified that although the blast had no definite authorization to "tap" a Parade Gasoline company pipe line for gas to supply the school heating system, he was "of the opinion" the company's superintendent would not have authorized it.

Bowed with grief, he attempted to concentrate his attention on the questions of military officers but when the photographers began getting in his vision for pictures he could not keep from turning his head towards them as if in protest.

"I don't know what they want to keep taking these pictures for," the superintendent said to Major Gaston B. Howard, presiding officer of the court.

Major Howard asked the photographer to stop. Then he saw that Shaw was considerably shaken and suggested that the superintendent might have a rest if he desired. Stone Wells, Ruskin county district attorney, firmly put the hand and assisted him to a cot.

How Blast Occurred. Before the superintendent was called, John Dial, 15, the first witness, said that the explosion occurred just as a man pulled a light switch in the manual training room.

At almost the same instant, the boy said, "a flash of fire blazed out from the ceiling."

Shaw told Captain Ed Clark, court member, he didn't believe the school board had placed the decision to use Parade company gas in the minutes of their meeting.

"I would have to go far back for some of this," he said. "I don't believe we even put that in the minutes. Believe, don't you, that the company just didn't want to get compromised?"

A. I would think so. It was not a secret at all. We went down and made the connection. It was not buried deep or anything. The United Gas company knew it positively. We told them.

Q. Did they warn you there might be some danger connected with it?

A. It was my understanding that after the connection was made they said there might be some danger. We went through that. We thought they just wanted the business. They offered to make a test for us one night but didn't show up.

I told you, I really couldn't see anything that was going on. We had a janitor who was recommended to us. We were told he could make connections, etc.

Wasn't an Expert. "We thought he would be worth something to us. He supervised that really more than I could. I wasn't an expert at that sort of thing myself. I had thought that if he would be worth anything I would have been there."

Q. It was your understanding the company wouldn't object to the connection but wouldn't give a formal permit?

A. Yes.

Q. Were you present when the school board decided to buy gas heat instead of steam heat?

A. Yes.

Q. Why was that done?

Other Such Systems. A. Well, we saw several such installations in East Texas. The First National Bank at Henderson had one. It also had a boiler system but later they took it out. I talked to the president and I was convinced the installation was all right. We also inspected one at Longview and Kilgore in public schools.

Q. Was it the same kind of equipment?

A. Practically the same thing. We were told it would be more convenient and easier to handle because we could heat one room at a time and not have to heat the whole building if we didn't want to.

Q. Do you know of any government agency which supervised, inspected or gave any rules for installing systems in a certain manner?

A. Yes. I understand it's under the state department of education. I believe it's merely an advisory board.

Q. Then there are no particular specifications?

A. Not so far as I know. Merely Advisory.

Q. Then you're at perfect liberty to do what you want to in such matters?

A. Yes.

Q. The state body exists merely to advise?

A. That's my understanding. It acts when it's called upon.

Q. In your experience, do you consider it advisable for some government agency to furnish an inspection, regulation, etc.?

A. If they had the proper men, yes.

Q. Did you submit the plans to this state board?

A. Yes, for advice and suggestions. They approved it.

Q. They approved the original plans before the change in radiator was made?

A. Yes.

Q. When the change was made, did you resubmit the plans?

A. No.

Q. During the time the board considered the advisability of tying into the Parade line was there any reference to what would have

do if you were disconnected by the parade?

A. We talked it over with the United Gas they were reconciled by then—and they said they would leave their connection and give us service in an hour or so and be glad to do so.

At the outset Shaw was asked to describe the blast.

A. I was about 40 or 50 feet north of the northwest corner of the building. I was not looking at it at the time. The first thing I noticed there were flying missiles. As for the sound, it didn't seem so terrific. But of course I was dazed.

Q. What did you observe when you looked at the building?

A. It looked like part of the building raised up.

Q. Did you see the walls bulge?

A. No, it seemed to crumple down.

Q. Did you see the bodies thrown clear?

A. Not like they were thrown, through the air.

Some Bodies Outside. A. There were some outside but whether they were thrown or jumped, I don't know.

Q. Captain Clark said if the school board's decision to connect to the Parade's line was unanimous?

A. Yes, they all were agreed.

Q. When was the change made?

A. I believe the Parade gas was run into the second school building about January 16.

Q. How long thereafter did you have some trouble with the gas?

A. We had more pressure than we needed and flames would come up in the radiators.

Q. What did you do about that?

A. The salesman for the radiators for company sent a man down here and he spent three days adjusting the radiators for us.

Some Bodies Scorching. Captain Clark, school board member, said that some of the bodies found in the manual training room after the blast were scorched.

Even about his knowledge of the school's decision to tap the Parade's gas line.

Q. Do the teachers here generally know what is going on in school administrative affairs?

A. Not a whole lot.

Q. Did you all know the school was going to change its gas connection?

A. We knew it at the time it was done.

Q. Do you know why the change was made?

A. We knew that people all around here were burning this gas to keep it from going to waste and thought the school might as well do it too.

Ask for Co-Operation. Before court was resumed, Captain Clark, who was secretary of state, explained to newspapermen that Superintendent Shaw was under a most severe mental strain, and that he also suffered from high blood pressure. Clark appealed to newspaper writers and photographers to co-operate insofar as possible in not adding to that strain.

J. R. Kern, school board member who told the Associated Press last night that the change to Parade company gas was made with Clover's knowledge, testified.

At the time you decided to make the change, Captain Coombes asked, "did you discuss why it would be desirable?"

A. We concluded there wouldn't be any hazard because the same gas was being used in homes throughout this whole East Texas oil field.

No Information It Was Dangerous. Q. You had no information that the residue gas possibly could have been dangerous?

A. None whatsoever.

Q. With what official of the Parade company did you discuss the change?

A. Mr. Clover.

Q. What is his position?

A. He is the general superintendent, the highest official in this area.

Q. What did he say?

A. He said that as far as he personally was concerned, the connection was perfectly satisfactory.

Q. How much of the school's gas was being used in homes throughout this whole East Texas oil field?

A. We were buying gas from the United.

December Bill About \$250. A. Our books burned and I don't remember exactly. The bill

for the month of December was around \$250.

Q. Did the affairs of the school necessitate economy?

A. No, sir. But there is no use in either a governmental or private organization making expenditures which are unnecessary.

Q. Did you ever have any indication that an inspection of the gas lines underneath the school would be advisable?

A. No, sir.

Q. What were you told about the steadiness of the pressure of the residue gas?

A. We were told that it generally was steady at around 25 pounds although it decreased some during cold weather.

National Guard Captain S. H. Crews and Sgt. C. E. J. Hester, both in answers to only a few questions, testified tests of the soil in the immediate area did not show any traces of gas.

Investigators apparently would inquire into the possibility of a sub-soil cause of origin of the blast.

Nicol Is Witness. R. M. Nicol, United Gas Company employee, said Shaw at one time had told him the school intended to change to field gas but said he did not ask nor learn from what source the gas was to be obtained.

He said at the time because of natural business reasons, he tried to dissuade Shaw from using the field gas, saying better service would be obtained by retaining the United Gas supply.

He said he "presumed" the reason for the change was for economy. "I don't know if the gas was given to them or whether it was cheaper but I presumed they wanted the gas for economy's sake."

D. L. Clark, the Parade company's field foreman, testified yesterday that the school had "tapped" the company gas line for heating fuel without his knowledge or consent and added he believed he would have been advised if anyone else had given permission.

Shaw, who was slightly injured himself and lost his son in the disaster, said he had talked with Earl Clover, the Parade's superintendent, about the change.

"Mr. Clover did not give us specific permission," Shaw said, "and warned that we were liable to be cut loose at any time but I concluded that he did not particularly object."

Specific Permission Refused. Shaw said he had discussed frequently with Clover the matter of the school purchasing gas when so much oil field gas was going to waste. He emphasized, however, that Clover always refused specific permission for a connection.

Shaw said he was "partly responsible for giving the order to run pipe from the school to the Parade's line and said he directed the janitors to make the connection."

As Shaw told his story parents and friends of his school children buried their last dead. Only seven victims had not been interred at day-break, but funerals started in the morning. Three bodies were sent to a distant town for interment.

City officials at Overton said they hoped to have a definite death list "within the next day or two" but declined to estimate the figure.

School doors remained shut at New London and even the youngsters of elementary grades did not attend today. Shaw said "we haven't thought of going to school and won't for several days."

J. R. Kern, a school board member, reported in an interview with the Associated Press that at least one official of the Parade company knew of the pipe line connection. He said Earl Clover, superintendent of the company, was aware that the line had been extended to the school and added "it was common knowledge in the vicinity of the school."

"We didn't make any effort to conceal our connection," said Kern. "People all over this country make similar connections for their homes. We told Mr. Clover that we intended to tie onto his line. He said the company tried to discourage such connections, just as other companies do, but he had no personal objection. He told us where we could find a regulator to put on our connection line."

Kern said Clover informed him that "he might have to write us later to disconnect it and we replied that we would do it when-

ever he wrote us to that effect."

Clark previously had informed the military court that his company discouraged connections because of the possibility of legal entanglements in the event of accident.

Considered Gas Safe. In reply to an inquiry whether he considered the type of gas safe, Kern retorted: "I wouldn't be using it here in my own home if I didn't think so."

From Shreveport, La., D. L. Hamilton, vice-president of the Parade, told newsmen he knew nothing of the pipe line connection used by the school until after the explosion and added that company employees several times had heard Clover deny the school board permission to tap the line. He denied Clover knew of the connection.

Kern said the school had been paying the United Gas Company about \$1,500 annually for gas and he "didn't see any use in continuing to do that when so much is going to waste here in the field."

He said he had been informed that several other schools and virtually every residence in the oil field are using the same type of gas.

"The kind of gas used didn't have anything to do with the explosion," said Kern. "I don't know how the explosion happened."

Another angle to Shaw's testimony would be his answer to the statement of A. J. Belew, gas steam house salesman, that he had warned the superintendent that it would be "dangerous" if a new gas regulator was not installed.

Oil field employees later testified at the court that the new regulator was installed.

Coach Tells Story. Football Coach R. L. Moore touched on Shaw's reaction to the tragedy in testimony with:

"I saw the explosion from my home on a nearby hill. The first person I saw was Mr. Shaw. He was staggering around the school, holding his hands to his eyes and crying 'My God, those poor children.'"

State Senator Joe Hill, representing a legislative committee at the hearing, said a proposed legislative investigation, originally scheduled for Henderson today, had been cancelled.

We will use the record of the military board of inquiry for any information we want. We couldn't go any deeper than the board of inquiry has."

The order of burying the dead was almost completed. Only seven bodies had not been interred, and officials said three of those would be buried at distant points.

Thousands Visit Scene. Throughout the Sabbath day thousands flocked to burial grounds near the derricked slopes. At Pleasant Hill, where the majority were buried, a vast

throng gathered. Parents fainted at gravesides and emergency calls were broadcast by short wave radio for all nurses and "strong men" in nearby East Texas villages to respond.

Fifty nurses went to the scene and emergency first aid stations were established.

Scores of ministers went through the second day of intoning one tribute after another. One of the most active was reported on the verge of collapse after his church had been crowded with dead and mourners.

By artificial light turned out by motor, they buried the dead. Well past midnight parents still stood beside graves while workmen tenderly lowered their bodies in rich oil land. Grave diggers always halted their work while services were being held.

Sightseers were banned from the section and mourning relatives and friends of the dead were alone permitted to travel into the tragedy-ridden area.

Every one, everywhere sensed the sadness of the day.

All seemed in accord with Governor James V. Alfred's pleading: "Let us highly resolve that no such disaster shall ever again be visited upon any community or home."

CARNETT, Kas., March 22.—(AP)—Students in Irving school are to be fingerprinted for identification purposes in event of another disaster. Sheriff A. R. Huskey said the plan, sponsored by the school student council, was approved by Supl. C

BEAUTY CHATS

By EDNA KENT FORBES

All requests for beauty information desired by Edna Kent Forbes column followers must be accompanied by a fully self-addressed, stamped envelope (3x5) and two cents in stamps in cover cost of printing and handling. For the illustrated pamphlets, "JACUITY," ten cents in stamps with fully a s. e. must be enclosed. Address Miss Forbes in care of this paper.

MASSAGE METHODS

HOW TO MASSAGE

If you are in doubt about massage methods, read Miss Forbes' advice on this not very difficult art in the Beauty Chat column today. Every woman who feels she needs facial massage which is every woman getting on to 30— invents her own method of massage. Most of the methods are a rather hit and miss, they simply spread the cream around and rub it in wherever it is easiest to use the fingers on the face. Actually, even the most expert massage does not do so much good as the good really comes from the fact that any massage stirs the circulation, and stimulates the skin and that a good cream is a good lubricant. So do not worry if you are not an expert! Try simply to work the fingers over the face so as lift the muscles, pressing upwards from the corners of the mouth to the ear, from the jaw line to the ear, from the center of the forehead outward to the corners of the eyes, and then around and under them towards the nose again. The forehead is generally stroked from center to the hair at each side and if there are little lines between the eyes, these are pressed as flat as the fingers can get them. Indeed, a large part of massage is getting cream PRESSED into the skin. The massage itself is really pressure, as you can readily see.

Personally, I am and have always been an enthusiastic advocate of the electric vibrator, as a means of stimulating the muscles and of working cream into the skin. I have watched a most generous coating of cold cream entirely disappear into a dry skin after 15 minutes of this massage, and the face, which had been wrinkled and with a faded look which always goes with dry skin, emerge from this treatment rosy and young, and almost dewily fresh. It isn't an expensive treatment as these machines do not cost much, and it is a treatment you can do yourself and therefore you need never patronize a beauty shop for facial! You can see, can you not, why

beauty shops are so bitterly against these?

Mrs. J. K.—There may be exercising going on all the time that neither tires nor takes any extra time. Such exercise is followed unconsciously by the people who have learned to be rhythmic in their movements. People who are vital and love movement, especially graceful movement, such as dancing, will be taking exercise all the time, even while apparently sitting still.

Red Cross Is Not Making Appeal For New London Funds

The following self-explanatory message was received at noon Friday from William M. Baxter, Jr., manager of the midwestern division of the American Red Cross, from St. Louis:

St. Louis, Mo., March 19, 1937. Jim Nick Garitty, Chairman Navarro County Chapter American Red Cross, Corsicana, Texas. With reference new London school disaster: The Rusk county chapter with the assistance of chapters in adjoining counties are working effectively in meeting emergency needs. The number of the medical and nursing personnel now on ground is adequate to care for the injured. Albert Evans, director, and other experienced members national disaster staff arrived New London 4 a. m. and are assisting local chapter officials. In view of the recent generous response to the flood relief appeal, no special appeal will be made for this disaster. The National Red Cross will provide funds needed for relief purposes. It is not intended to deny those wishing to contribute to this disaster the privilege of so doing on the basis of the foregoing information. Chapters should indicate readiness to accept and transmit such contributions to this office. Please release this statement immediately to local press.

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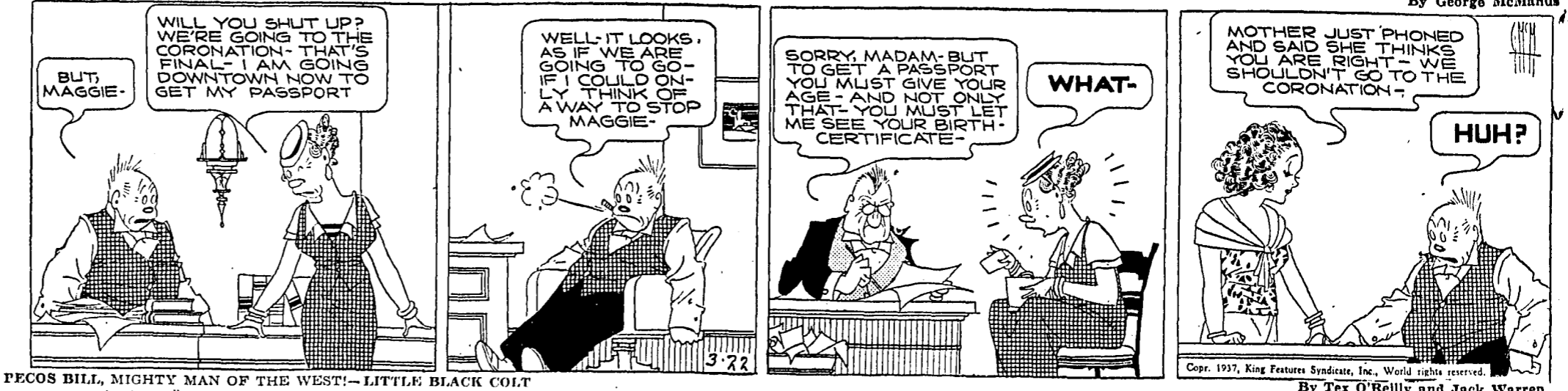
TODAY'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

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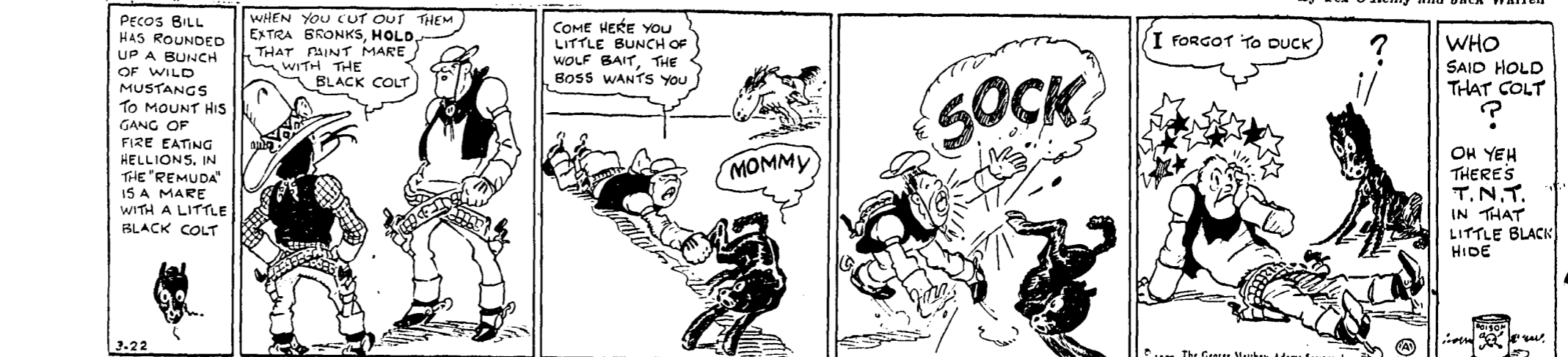
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 29. Clapper
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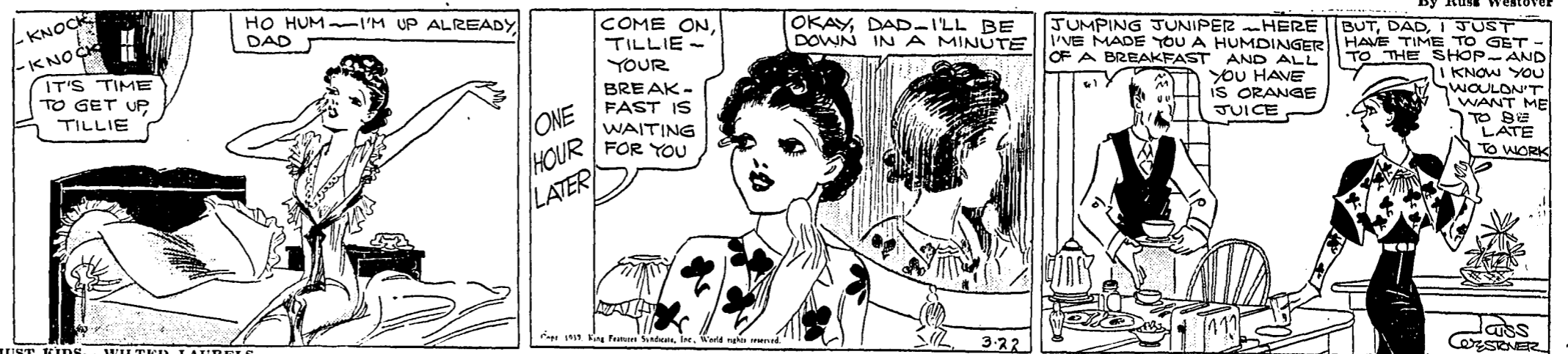
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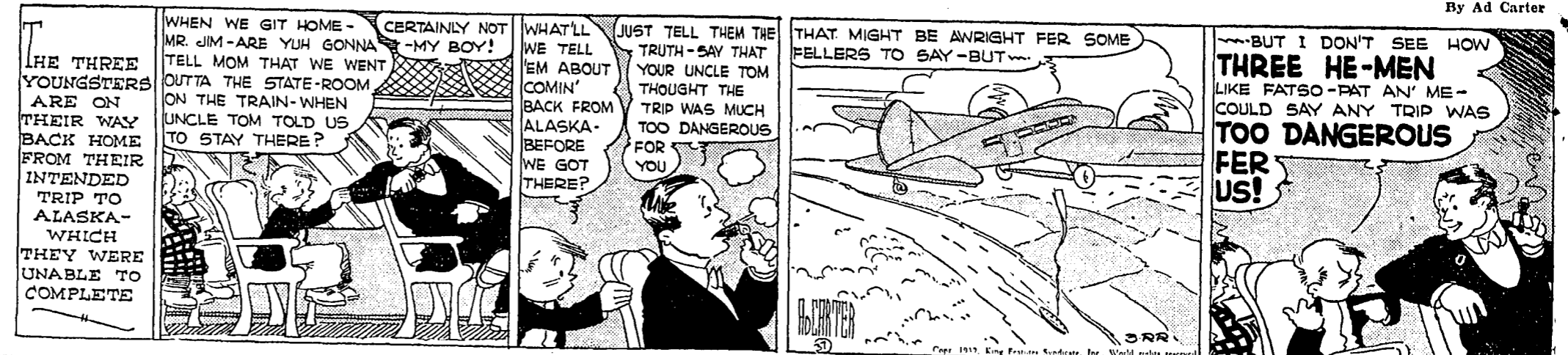
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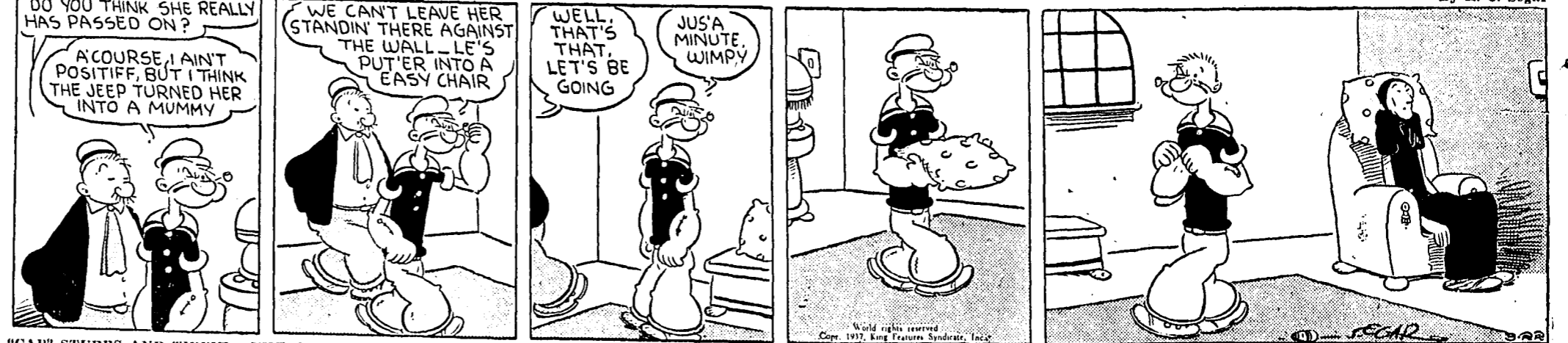
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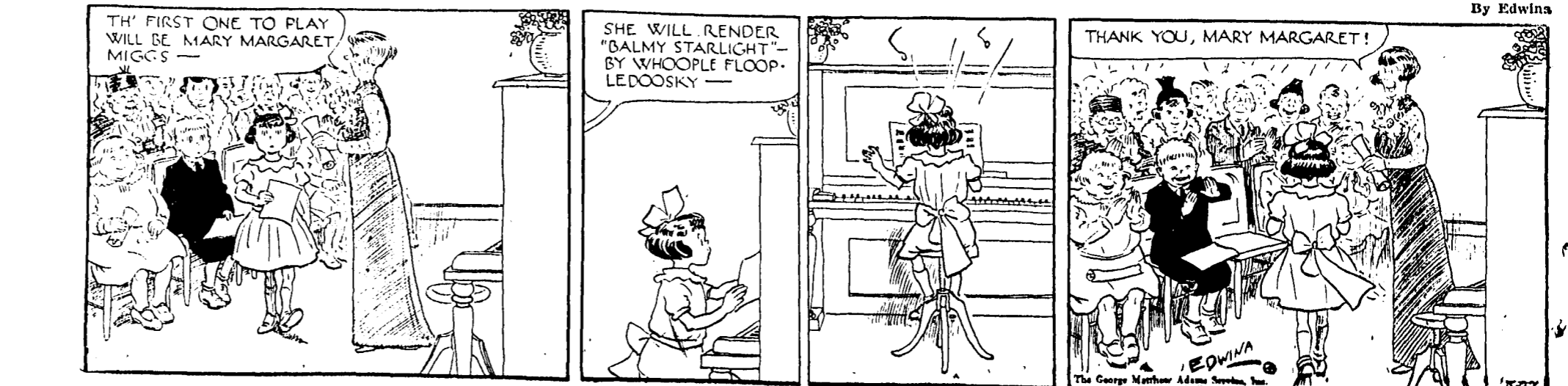
MICKEY MOUSE—GONE WITH THE WIND



THIMBLE THEATRE: Starring POPEYE—NOW SHOWING—"DEAR OLE GAL" TOMORROW—"THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION"



"CAT" STUBBS AND TIPPIE—THE OPENING NUMBER



AMELIA EARHART'S PLANE CRASHES ON TAKEOFF SATURDAY

NOTED WOMAN FLYER AND COMPANION WERE NOT INJURED IN ACCIDENT

HONOLULU, Mar. 20.—(P)—Amelia Earhart's big plane skidded and crashed today while she was attempting to take off for Howland Island on her world flight but she and her two men companions escaped injury.

The plane skidded on the wet concrete runway and the left tire blew out, wrecking the undercarriage.

There was a burst of flame from the engine and ambulances raced to the scene.

They arrived to find Miss Earhart, white faced, climbing from the wrecked craft.

"Something must have gone wrong," she exclaimed.

The globe-circling plane, which had carried the aviator safely Oakland, Calif., tipped over on its left wing.

The flier's companions, Fred J. Noonan, and Captain Harry Manning, also escaped injury.

Start Just After Dawn.

The attempted takeoff was made shortly after dawn for the second stage of the world flight, a hop of 1,532 miles to tiny Howland Island, southwest of here.

Miss Earhart entered the plane at 8:10 a. m. (Pacific standard time) after Manning and Noonan had taken their places in the craft.

The motors were given a final warming up and then Miss Earhart "gunned" them as she headed down the concrete runway at Luke Field at high speed.

The plane was about half way down the runway when the accident occurred.

Officials said the tire on the left wheel blew out.

The aviator apparently cut the ignition switches as the eight-ton plane swerved, thereby preventing fire.

A scattered crowd of about 75 watchers, mostly army men, saw a burst of flame spurt from the left motor when the plane crashed, and then the fire died out.

The left wheel snapped off and was hurled 40 feet from where the plane came to rest.

Both propellers were bent, the left one badly.

The crash occurred at 8:15 a. m. (Pacific standard time).

Miss Earhart stood in the cockpit to show she was not hurt, and shouted to army officers.

She was attempting a daylight takeoff for Howland Island after receiving reports there was cloudy weather as far as 200 miles south of here, and favorable weather thence to Howland.

The plane was loaded with between 800 and 900 gallons of gasoline.

Merely Means Postponement.

HONOLULU, March 20.—(P)—Amelia Earhart went through a chilling experience in the crash of her world flight plane today, but only her blanched face revealed her feelings.

"A tire blew out," the tousled headed flier said to army officers who hurried to the scene of the wreck.

"No one was hurt. Only our spirits are bruised."

Miss Earhart said "this means postponement of my world trip, but no cancellation."

She announced the plane probably would be sent back to the factory for repairs.

HONOLULU, March 20.—(P)—The coast guard early today quoted Paul Mantz, technical adviser for Amelia Earhart, as saying the aviator would begin her hop to Howland Island until dawn, about 6 a. m. Honolulu time (11:30 a. m. EST.).

Earlier, America's No. 1 woman flier had announced plans for a 1 a. m. takeoff on the second leg of the "round-the-world" flight.

Tiny Howland Island is 1,532 miles southwest of here. "The route is over a part of the Pacific ocean never before flown in a plane."

She was unmoved by the discovery of all illing defect, which might have caused her land plane to falter over the ocean wastes between here and the mere sand spit to the southwest.

Wilbur Thomas, motor expert, said he discovered the propeller bearings on the \$80,000 "flying laboratory" were almost "flying" because of improper lubrication.

He and mechanics spent yesterday getting the motors in shape and otherwise checking the plane.

Thirty Persons Injured In Wreck Truck and Busses

PRESCOTT, Ark., March 20.—(P)—Thirty persons were injured, twenty seriously, in the collision of a heavily loaded truck and two school busses, filled with children and parents in rural Nevada county late last night.

Most of the victims were children.

They were brought to a Prescott hospital where physicians said three were in a critical condition.

The busses were returning from the Central High school at Lancaster, 12 miles south of Prescott, following a school play.

The Rev. Chris Barham, Baptist minister, received a fracture of one leg, and his wife suffered a broken collar bone.

Report Of Death School Head Was Found Be Untrue

NEW LONDON, March 20.—(P)—Intense excitement was created briefly today when an announcement was made in Red Cross headquarters in the city hall in Overton, three miles from here, that W. C. Shaw, superintendent of the destroyed school here, was dead.

The report was found to be erroneous, however, as quickly

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ELDERLY ENGLISH LAW CLERK RETIRES TO OBSCURITY AGAIN AFTER SIMPSON DIVORCE PLEA

By RADER WINGET
LONDON, March 20.—(P)—Francis Stephenson, the elderly law clerk who once looked askance through his gold-rimmed spectacles at Wallis Simpson's divorce action, hurried back today to the obscurity of his desk in the gleaming financial quarter.

With an expression of regret for his intervention in the famous case—an explanation for his action—he edged out of the light on the romance of the American-born divorcee and England's abdicated king.

The road to the marriage of Mrs. Simpson and the Duke of Windsor was cleared yesterday when the solicitors' clerk withdrew his charge of collusion—and Francis Stephenson's well-ordered life regained its course after a American deviation.

Stephenson explained he did not like the divorce proceedings at Ipswich, Oct. 27 when Mrs. Simpson was granted a decree nisi in her uncontested suit against Ernest Aldrich Simpson.

He was not interested in publicity, he said. "I made my own decision entirely of my own accord as a private individual."

Then on the night of Dec. 10, when the King had become Duke of Windsor and told an enraptured world "I cannot continue to discharge my duties without the woman I love," Mr. Stephenson was by his wireless set.

He reached a decision: If the Duke of Windsor could say goodbye to his subjects with "God Save the King!" then he, a managing clerk in a law office, could forgive and forget the new monarch, too. And he did.

"I heard every word that he said," Mr. Stephenson related. "His words made me think. I realized that here was a man who wanted to be happy. I thought of my own married happiness."

"When I heard his words I regretted what I had done. But I am absolutely satisfied with what has been said and done in court."

MORE THAN TWELVE MILLION BALES COTTON GINNED FROM 1936 CROP BUREAU REPORTED

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(P)—The census bureau reported today cotton, exclusive of linters, ginned from the 1936 crop totaled 12,287,702 running bales or 12,387,420 equivalent 500-pound bales, compared with 10,420,346 and 10,638,391 for the 1935 crop and 9,472,022 and 9,636,559 for the 1934 crop.

The average gross weight of bales for a crop counting 12,387,420 equivalent 500-pound bales, compared with 510.5 for 1935, and 508.7 for 1934.

Round bales included totaled 282,196 compared with 294,253 for 1935, and 197,260 for 1934.

American-Egyptian cotton included totaled 17,551 bales compared with 17,619 for 1935 and 14,052 for 1934.

Included in the total ginnings are 27,121 bales of cotton which ginneries estimated would be turned out after the March canvass.

Ginneries operated for the crop numbered 12,624, compared with 12,812 for 1935 and 12,663 for 1934.

Ginnings, in equivalent 500-pound bales, by states were: Alabama 1,448,847, Arizona 189,005, Arkansas 3,302,534, California 442,022, Florida 26,788, Georgia 1,089,650, Louisiana 761,106, Mississippi 1,911,023, Missouri 303,582, New Mexico 107,809, North Carolina 591,287, Oklahoma 286,255, South Carolina 811,798, Tennessee 432,700, Texas 2,939,573, Virginia 30,071 and all other states 12,193.

REPORT DISCOVERY OF TRUE "MISSING LINK" BETWEEN APE AND MAN SOUTH AFRICA CAVE

By HOWARD BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Science Writer
PHILADELPHIA, March 20.—(P)—A report that the true "missing link," a two-legged animal part way between man and ape, has been discovered in South Africa, was made to the international symposium on early man today by Robert Broom, of the Transvaal Museum, Pretoria, South Africa.

Broom discovered the head, except the lower jaw, in a cave at Sterkfontein last year. It was, he said, about 250,000 years old. The head showed it to be an animal of about the size and proportions of a chimpanzee.

But its teeth, Broom said, "were almost entirely human." No ape has ever been found with teeth like this animal. Its brain capacity was only that of a good-sized modern gorilla.

The belief that this animal was a descendant of the first human stock, a cousin of the branch of the family which developed into human beings, is based, Mr. Broom said, not alone on this new discovery.

A similar animal with virtually human teeth was discovered in 1924. It was a five year old "baby."

Professor Raymond A. Dart of Johannesburg immediately identified it as a new type of two-legged creature, probably a human.

He thought that there were indications in the shape of the creature's skull that it had learned to talk.

Do you want to buy something? Phone 103 for classified rates.

City Secretary Singletary of Vernon told an Associated Press reporter while in Red Cross headquarters in the city hall in Overton, three miles from here, that W. C. Shaw, superintendent of the destroyed school here, was dead.

The report was found to be erroneous, however, as quickly

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CORSICANA IS GIVEN HIGHEST PRAISE FOR ODD FELLOWS MEETING

S. M. Williams, Dallas, grand secretary, Grand Lodge of Texas, L. O. O. F., on his return to Dallas last week following the conclusion of the ninety-seventh annual sessions held in Corsicana, writes as follows to Paul Moore, member of the general arrangements committee, about the reception and treatment accorded the delegates and officials:

"Please make it your personal duty of yours to extend our most sincere appreciations to the citizenship of Corsicana, the city officials, the churches and hotel proprietors for their part in the conducting of a convention that in my judgment was complete or perfect, if there is such a thing, at least from our side of the question."

"I am inclined to feel they are past masters and without equal."

"Fraternally yours," "S. M. WILLIAMS, Grand Secretary."

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News of County Home Demonstration Clubs

Jones Ranch Club. "Sodding the Lawn and Underpinning the House," was the subject Miss McVabb discussed to ones Ranch Home Demonstration Club at the home of Mrs. Guy Tullios March 27, 1937.

She said to underpin the house would make it warmer in winter and cooler in summer. She urged all to make some effort toward beautifying the home surroundings.

To do this we must have our outbuildings in proportion with the house and arrange the shrubbery to best advantage. She gave the name of shrubbery to best adapted to the climate and also native plants suitable for screening and hedge. Bermuda is best for the lawn as it will withstand dry weather and spread rapidly.

We had fifteen members present, and are glad to have Mrs. Tom Stevenson as a new member. We had as our guest, Mrs. Mrs. Amberg, Mrs. Chester Strain, Mrs. Arnold Armstrong, Mrs. Billie Reid, Miss Glynell Reid and Miss Mary Hill Stevenson.

Delicious refreshments of salad, cookies and coffee were served by our hostess. Club adjourned to meet with Misses Norene and Catherine Ponder, April 7.

REPORTER.

Goings and Comings Of Fairfield Folk And Their Visitors

FAIRFIELD, March 20.—(Spl.)—Miss Christine Bond and Evelyn Blakely of Lon Morris spent the week-end in Fairfield.

Representative Bond and Mrs. Bond of Austin spent the week-end in Fairfield.

Miss Marjorie Moon and Miss Christine Collins of Lon Morris spent the week-end in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Moon.

Jim Harding and Frank Williamson were in Palestine Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervil Wood of St. Elmo spent the week-end in Fairfield.

Mrs. Eula Civiletti and children, Victor and Peggy, of Dallas spent the past weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lindley.

P. D. Brown and Henry McIlveen were in Waco Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Manahan were in Corsicana Tuesday.

Miss Gladys Trotter attended the fat stock show last week-end.

Mrs. Richard Radford and William Richard and Mrs. Cornelius of Mexico visited Mr. and Mrs. James Radford Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Bonner were in Fort Worth Sunday at the fat stock show.

Mrs. E. J. Crosby and daughter, Elizabeth, of St. Louis, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Miles this week.

Misses Bess and Mamie Ely and Miss Binnie Davis of Dallas visited friends and relatives here this week-end.

Miss Ester Lee Wells of Houston is visiting Mrs. Alton Parker this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Compton White visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Glazener in Nacogdoches last week-end.

W. R. (Will) Boyd of New York is spending several weeks at his lodge west of Fairfield.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lyon attended the state telephone convention in Dallas Tuesday and Wednesday.

Edna Lee of Galveston visited his brother, L. W. Lee, during the week-end.

Douglas Fryer, student at A. and M., visited home folks this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Radford and Leslie and Mrs. Dee Jackson of Teague visited Miss Camelia Radford in Sulphur Springs Sunday.

Lee Kirgan and Helen Kirgan were in Dallas on business Saturday.

Mrs. Annie Hall Day and Mrs. Worth Steward were in Corsicana Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Eubank of Shreveport, La., spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eubank.

Roger Steward was in Palestine on business Wednesday.

Miss Frances Bogard and Miss Marey Collin, of Montalba, were week-end guests of Mrs. Frankie Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kitchens and daughter of Mex visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eubank Sunday.

Couple Married By Justice McFadden

J. M. Deaton, 310 1-2 South Beaton street, and Mrs. Nellie Webb, Kosson, Okla., were married at the home of Judge and Mrs. W. T. McFadden on South Sixteenth street Sunday night. Judge McFadden performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Deaton will make their home here.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hazel Eva McAfee, former Corsicanan, who died early Saturday morning at her home in Glade-water, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Bazette Baptist church with burial in the Bazette cemetery.

The rites were conducted by Rev. J. U. McAfee, Methodist minister, and Rev. T. Edgar Neal, pastor of the First Methodist church, Corsicana.

Surviving are her husband, John Lee McAfee, Glade-water; a daughter, Joann McAfee, Glade-water; parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Morris, four brothers, Weldon Morris, G. Morris, Johnnie Morris and Jack Morris, all of Corsicana, and three sisters, Mrs. J. A. Etheridge, Henderson, and Misses Julia and Zula Morris, all of Corsicana.

Palbearers were R. H. White, Ted Starks, Haskell Gray, W. H. Tipton, Neal Owen and B. B. Gillan.

Floral arrangements were friends of the family.

Sutherland-McCammion Funeral Home directed the arrangements.

Demonstration And Reporters Bodies Will Meet Saturday

Regular monthly meetings of the Navarro County Women's Home Demonstration Council and the Reporters' Association will be held next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ruth McFadden, county agent.

The reporters are scheduled to meet at 1 o'clock in the education room of the Corsicana Y. M. C. A. while the council session is slated for 2 p. m.

WINNERS EMHOUSE SUB-COUNTY MEET FRIDAY - SATURDAY

EMHOUSE, ODD FELLOWS HOME, RICE AND CHATFIELD HAD ENTRIES

Results in the Emhouse sub-county meet Saturday, in which contestants were certified for the county meet Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27, in play-ground ball, volleyball and decathlon, were announced from Emhouse today.

For the past few years the five sub-county meets have been held in centrally located sections of the county to cut down the large numbers of contestants in the three crowded events, because the large numbers would make the meet unwieldy.

Class B schools entered in Saturday's contests were Emhouse, the I. O. O. F. Home and Rice, while Chatfield was the only rural school.

The sub-county meets were held last week at Mildred, Powell and Dawson.

Following are the results of Saturday's meet at Emhouse:

Grammar school girls—Emhouse first, Rice second.

Grammar school boys—Emhouse first, Rice second.

High school girls—Emhouse first, no second place chosen.

High school boys—Emhouse first, no second place chosen.

Rural school boys, rural school girls and rural school volleyball—No entries.

Emhouse won first, Rice second and I. O. O. F. Home third in volleyball high school division.

High school senior boys—Henry Derden, Emhouse, first, and Jackie Oliver, Rice, second.

High school senior girls—Zula Maud Hill, Emhouse, first, Edna Earl Haymen, I. O. O. F. Home, second.

High school junior boys—Alvin Ray, Emhouse, first, and William Denton Murff, Rice, second.

High school junior girls—Annie White, I. O. O. F. Home, first and Joy Cochran, Rice, second.